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Green Seeks to Spike Steel Strike; Urges Workers to Delay Ten Days

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pose of discouraging strike sentiment of the delegates. He stated that the steel union "face grave emergency" and "A. A. is in deep distress" and "grave emergency" confronts steel workers and entire labor movement indirectly."

Green himself a member of the Labor Board stood squarely on N. R. A. and Section 7-A union fight. He said he proposed a company union plan. He said in "attacking" steel companies, "they have little regard for the public interest for Section 7-A of the N. R. A. You men have been forced to suffer persecution because you accept 7-A liberally." Thus Green tries to show some differences between N. R. A. and steel companies and claimed steel workers fight a fight for N. R. A.

Plan Like Johnson's

He based the whole platform of the steel workers on the Y. R. A. asking, "Is it a crime to follow the spirit and letter of law?" (meaning 7-A).

Knowing the spirit of a large number of delegates is for strike, Green cloaked his anti-strike, company union proposal with praise of the steel union for rejecting Johnson's plan, of which his own is a newly-worded duplicate.

He also tried to give the impression that his proposal is a militant action. "Send this plan to Roosevelt as a counter-proposal to Johnson's plan," he said. "We cannot afford to play into their hands. We must use strategy. I am apprehensive of the situation as it is. The wise man bides his time. In my judgment the time will come when these wrongs will be righted, but not before the time is here at this moment."

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"You are in the midst of a grave emergency," he repeated in introducing his plan.

Phrases "Impartial" Roosevelt

Green, after introducing the plan, praised Roosevelt and said with a flourish, "He will select an impartial board that will command the respect and support of men and women of labor of the public." He stated Roosevelt can be trusted to select an impartial board not connected with the employing interests of the nation.

There was no applause during this section of the speech on Roosevelt and the impartial board, which concluded. "Make this counter-proposal and rely on the sympathy and power of the President of the United States and Congress, which is now in session, and on public opinion, which will force the steel companies to accept this proposal."

He then emphasized the desire of the A. F. of L. executive board not to have the steel strike. "Our policy is to call strikes only after every avenue of peaceful settlement has been explored—as a last resort," he declared. He said that if his plan is not accepted, the right to strike is not surrendered.

Kills Right to Strike

The plan itself takes from the workers the right to strike. To adopt his plan instead of strike now, Green said, would be "a patriotic action to promote the cause of industrial peace."

Green praised the original Wagner bill, saying the new measure of Roosevelt, while it does not go far enough, that it is a measure that some power and opportunity to obtain right to organize and bargain collectively and hold government supervised elections." Green said if steel companies won't listen to Roosevelt, Congress will pass a law forcing such elections with Green's consent.

Green concluded with an appeal not to strike, "wait for day and time when the opportunity is here." "Don't risk your all in conflict when the odds are against you." "A strike would set you back." "As President of the A. F. of L. I insist upon your acting favorably on this proposal."

This morning before the speech Green conferred with Tighe, and A. A. International officials and with Charles Wyzanski, Jr., solicitor for U. S. Department of Labor who came from Washington with Green, and with two State conciliators. About a dozen conciliators in all are here now.

Reporters were admitted to hear Green's speech and then requested to leave. Several delegates objected on convention floor to reporters' presence on grounds that "they have been printing a lot of lies" but Tighe announced Green had invited the reporters.

After Green's speech delegates asked Green questions in executive session. Most of these questions showed dissatisfaction with Green's proposals. Several questions were in regard to whether blacklisted and laid off workers would be allowed to vote in elections held under Roosevelt appointed board. Green answered he supposed they would be.

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Force Milwaukee Nazi Hanfstaengl Reaches NY Today

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to be a surprise strike. The company is making elaborate preparations to break the strike, and already last night had police rushed to the barns believing that the strike was to take place this morning.

The Communist Party warns the workers to beware of the maneuvers of the A. F. of L. leaders in regards to the general strike. Mr. Herman Seide, executive secretary of the Federated Trades Council and a member of the County N.R.A. Board, has already issued the following statement:

"I don't think that the Executive Board of the Trades Council would do such a thing."

"Further, no central body has the power to order a strike until it has obtained permission from the National authority of each craft involved."

"This thing of involving Milwaukee in a general strike does not meet with my favor."

This statement shows that A. F. of L. leaders are already making preparations to stab the strike movement in the back. The workers must take up the question of the general strike and the support of the street car-men in all union factories and to formulate their own demands for wage increases, union recognition and better conditions.

The movement for a general strike is the culmination of a wave of strikes that has swept Wisconsin for several months. At the present time, numerous workers, in metal, packing, food transportation industries are out on strike in various cities.

Birmingham T. C. I. Officials in New Terror

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accident features.

The Tennessee Coal and Iron company union officials are issuing half-page advertisements denouncing the steel strike and trying to break the strike, which still is solid with mass picketing continuing.

Despite the armed terror and the vacillations of the Amalgamated officials, the rank and file, who are preparing the strike, declare that they will follow the Pittsburgh Convention strike decision.

The Communist Party leaflets which have been distributed here have had a tremendous effect. Another Party leaflet is now being prepared calling for intensified preparation on the part of the rank and file leadership, unity with and equal rights for Negroes, against the differentials and for the picketing. An International Labor Defense leaflet pledges defense and calls for mass action, for the right to picket, etc.

Hold Meets To Prepare Strike

The Communist Party and the I. L. D. are holding meetings of steel workers for strike preparations as the only way in which to fight the company union and starvation.

The T. C. I. shop paper, "Blast," was out of the first of the week. Scabs working in the Republic Steel plant have issued a half-page attack on the strikers and the International Union of Mine, Metal and Smelter Workers.

N. R. A. arbitration is stalling the Republic Steel strikers, while the strikers picket in auto, defying the injunctions of a student at Howard College (a Negro college), the son of a Republic striker, has written a letter to Communist Party headquarters saying that May Day and the Republic Steel strike show that the Communist Party alone truly leads the workers.

South Chicago Tense As Steel Strike Looms

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mobilization of police and troops in the steel area and from Chicago. Many of these stories are absurdly exaggerated, but there have been conferences between local and county officials in Gary, Chicago police are sending extra squads to South Chicago, and some preparations have been made for housing scabs inside the plants.

Within the last two days, greatly improved spirit has been reported among the workers in Wisconsin Steel and Illinois Steel in South Chicago. These workers have before been considered hard to organize, but prospects for a strike in both plants are greatly increased.

Police today entered the headquarters of the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union looking for leading members. No arrests were made, probably because none of the outstanding militant workers were in the office.

I. L. D. Tag Days Today, Tomorrow

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NEW YORK.—The International Labor Defense issued a call to all workers yesterday urging them to aid in the celebration of the ninth anniversary of its existence.

Tag days have been set for today and tomorrow. Members and sympathizers can obtain collection boxes from the following stations:

Bronx: 288 E. 174 St., 1472 Boston Road; 2700 Bronx Park East (in Shule); 699 Prospect Ave.; 792 E. Tremont.

Brooklyn: 1280 56th St.; 82 Graham Ave.; 15 Fourth Ave.; Queens: 102-09 34th Ave., Corona; Manhattan: 326 Lenox Ave.; 130 W. 23rd St.

RED DANCERS TO HOLD PARTY

NEW YORK.—The Red Dancers will hold a Studio Party at 77 Fifth Ave. Dancing, beer and plenty of entertainment.

Needle Workers At Anti-War Meet

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NEW YORK.—Delegates elected directly in the shop will be among the women needle workers participating in the conference of the Needle Trades Women's Committee Against War and Fascism, Saturday, June 16th, 1 p.m. at Irving Plaza Hall. The conference is one of many being held to elect delegates to the International Women's Congress Against War and Fascism, in Paris, July 28 to 30.

Louis Hyman, member of the National Committee Against War and Fascism; Margaret Cowi, recently returned from touring Chicago, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh, for the Women's Committee of the anti-war organization, and Dave Gordon, of the A. F. of L. Committee for Unemployment Insurance, will be the principal speakers at the conference.

At the Warhawk Bros. Shop, at 34 North 27th St., which is under the control of the A. F. of L., the shop organizer attempted to forbid the sending of delegates to the conference, but the workers forced the election of two delegates from the shop, and the collection of a \$3 donation to bring to the conference.

"The issue of free speech is not involved," the statement reads. "He is the representative and apologist of a government which is the sworn enemy of art, culture and civilization. To tolerate Hanfstaengl is to tolerate the barbarism he represents."

Demand "Free Thaelmann"

At the same time, the demonstration will raise the cry of "Free Ernst Thaelmann," the heroic leader of the German revolutionary working class. Workers will carry banners demanding his immediate release, protesting against the imprisonment of all political prisoners in Germany, and hitting the spread of poison Nazi propaganda in the United States by German officials.

Hanfstaengl, in addition to being a major aid of Hitler, is well known for his corrupt personal life. As Hitler's press agent he sold the right to interview the bloody chancellor to the highest bidder and pocketed \$2,000 for himself. Hanfstaengl is a graduate of Harvard University and, although his professed aim in coming to America is for a "class re-union," his real motive is quite openly to spread Nazi propaganda here.

The National Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism yesterday replied to the statement on Hanfstaengl issued by the Joint Council of American Jewish Congress and American Jewish Committee who urge that "no discreditable person of any kind" be shown "Hanfstaengl."

"By urging officially and publicly that no discreditable person be shown Hanfstaengl, by swallowing whole and supporting the shallow presence of Hanfstaengl's hurried visit to America is solely for the purpose of attending his class reunion at Harvard, the Joint Consultative Committee of the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee and the B'nai B'rith Lodge are showing a fatal unwillingness to face facts," the statement reads.

"No aware of events happening all over the world can subscribe seriously to the view that Hitler's lieutenant, Hanfstaengl, Foreign Press Chief of the Hitler Party, as he describes himself, is coming over here as a private citizen."

"In the first place, Hanfstaengl is one of the inner circle who made the Nazi party and the regime of terror which has crushed all German liberty since Hitler came to power. As such, he is not, and cannot be treated as a private citizen."

"Hanfstaengl, as a Nazi and Storm Trooper, is no more on private business than was Hans Wiedemann a year ago when he officially represented Germany at the Century of Progress Fair in Chicago—and actually spent his time organizing and directing the activities of Storm Troop units and Nazi agents in American cities."

Critics in Germany Growing

"But beyond such personal considerations—is the historical fact that the Nazi regime in Germany is faced with a desperate economic crisis which is rapidly becoming a political one."

"We submit that the Joint Consultative Council does not represent the organizations and membership of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith in supporting the fiction of the private character of the Hanfstaengl visit."

"This is another evidence, among many which have come to our attention lately, that the leadership of these organizations is not in accord with the sincere anti-fascist attitude of the membership."

"We wish to point out that Hanfstaengl is as viciously anti-Semitic as any of the intimates of Adolf Hitler; that Hanfstaengl, in writing his biography for the recently published 'Twenty-fifth Anniversary Report of the Harvard Class of 1909,' went out of his way to inject filthy slanders against Jews, insinuating very openly that it was Jews 'who in reality won the war.' (Page 277 of the volume.)"

"The National Committee has called on all individuals and groups critics of Hanfstaengl. This is not a matter involving the presence of one distasteful individual. It involves the whole Nazi system and set-up. Hanfstaengl must be treated for what he is. Workers, liberals, pacifists, Jews, Gentiles, freethinkers—all are called on to give him the reception he deserves."

"Rally at the 46th St. Pier at 4 p. m. today."

OPEN FORUM ON NATIONAL MINORITY HERE AND IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK.—An open forum will be held Friday, June 15, at 8 p. m., at the Little Theatre, 140 West 18th St., at which Gertrude Schubert, of the P. M. and Richard B. Moore, of the I.L.D., will speak on "National Minorities in the Soviet Union and the U.S.A. Contrast."

BEN GOLD TO SPEAK AT FUR WORKERS ENTERTAINMENT

NEW YORK.—Ben Gold will speak at a concert and dance to be given by the Communist fraction of the fur workers, at the Brighton Workers Center, 2300 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, Saturday.

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"Support Liberator Conference June 16," Declares the T.U.U.L.

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NEW YORK.—The Liberator Conference, which will be held June 16, 2 p.m., at St. Phillips Presbyterian Church, 134th St. and 7th Ave., will rally all Negro and white organizations to build up the Liberator, the official organ of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

The Trade Union Unity League calls for support of this Conference and asks workers' organizations to send delegates to it to raise funds for the Liberator and help to build circulation. It is an organ which will help to strengthen the unity of Negro and white workers in the shops and trade unions for struggle against the attacks of the bosses.

In slightly less cheerful circles, where hard-headed men of business gather, the victory of the California Adonis provides another cause for happiness. It is already being prophesied that pugilistically happy days are here again. It has been a drought since Gene Tunney, the great man, retired, but now, with Baer and Stone, the era of great fighting will return and the box-offices will bulge, and promoters, managers and boxers will live again in the days of justice.

Nazi Consul Flees Thaelmann Groups

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and there is no one taking charge of the office."

In the delegation were J. E. Bromberg and Alexander Kirklund of "Men in White" cast, John Howard Lawson, Bernard Stern, Allen Taub and others. They picketed the building with the Food Workers Industrial Union workers after being refused admittance.

The United Councils of Working Class Women will picket the consulate today. The United Councils have already distributed several thousand "Free Thaelmann" postcards and wired protests to Washington and Germany. They are appealing to all working class women to aid in the fight.

Today, also, a delegation of six from the International Workers Order will visit the Nazi Consul here. They are William Weiner, president of the I.W.O.; Joseph Brodsky, A. Shipko, Sadie Doroshkin, Dave Green and Gustav Meyer. The I.W.O. has initiated a nation-wide campaign to save the leader of the German proletariat from the Nazi executioners.

The New York A. F. of L. Trade Union Committee for Unemployment Insurance issued a call to local unions yesterday to select two representatives for a "Free Thaelmann" delegation which will visit the Nazi Consul today.

A preliminary meeting will be held Friday, June 29th, 6:30 p. m., at 1 Union Square, Room 715, it was announced.

The Paper Plate and Bag Makers' local 107 of the A. F. of L. have already sent wires of protest. Yesterday the workers of the Joe Hill Dress Co., 345 W. 80th St., an International Ladies Garment Workers' shop, sent a telegram demanding Thaelmann's freedom to the consulate.

The Cafeteria Workers Union held an open air meeting at 8th Ave. and 46th St. where 500 workers heard Murphy speak against the Hitler regime. Thirty-five "Free Thaelmann" cards were sold. Members of the Associated Cafeteria Clubs will picket the Nazi consulate beginning Monday, June 18, it was announced yesterday.

Pickets were urged to report first to the Council office at 11 W. 18th St. with signs and placards. Every club was instructed to send at least one picket. Clubs were likewise urged to hold open air meetings and distribute "Free Thaelmann" cards.

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Returned to Our Bosom

THE lord has remembered John L. Sullivan, who thanked the Almighty, when he lost to Corbett, that the title remained in America. The title has come back and John L. may turn over on his back again. It has been a hard time for John, as it has been for all patriots, since Primo won the championship. As a sorrow and a scandal it has been observed that a foreigner was nominally the boss of the heavyweight division, when it is well known that any of our boys can lick ten foreigners.

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SAW Carners in his first five or six fights in this country and I remember then remarking about his brawling when faced by a boxer in the ring. After the first round Thursday night, he wandered around the ring in a perpetual daze. Baer had but to make a motion for Carners to jump back and try to look in all directions at once. It was only that he was afraid, I believe. He got off the floor eleven times under crushing blows, and it is hard to declare such a man afraid. But he was a poor preliminary boy fighting a cool antagonist.

Baer used his right like a whip. He floored Carners twice in the first by initially bringing it over and landing it full on Primo's jaw. Carners went down, and it looked as though he would have difficulty in rising. He got up without a count, only to be floored again, and now it looked as though he would never get up. But again he arose without a count.

In the second round he went down twice again, bringing Baer down with him both times. As Baer landed each time, Carners grasped his gloves and the momentum pulled Baer on top of him. Carners, hated to go down. A number of times vicious lefts to the body made Carners' knees buckle and forced him to lurch backward, but he desperately steadied himself.

IT WAS the belief when the referee stepped between the fighters in the tenth round, and the lights suddenly went on, that the fight had been stopped, and Baer's handlers jumped into the ring. Carners was cornered, after he had reeled around the ring, and Baer was pounding the life out of him. But the bell, which few heard, had rung and it saved Carners. There was dispute in the press row over the idea that Carners had asked the referee to stop the fight.

He was like a dumb creature, heaved by force in the eleventh, when he did ask the referee to stop it. It is the first time that a heavyweight champion has lost.

Max Baer During the Fight

the title in such a fashion. Usually they are sincere men and like to go out unconscious. Later, in the dressing room, Carners pointed to his swollen ankle as a reason for his inability to continue. But even if he had not asked Donovan, the referee, to stop it, it was in order for Donovan to do so, unless he is a believer in tradition.

Carners had been floored twice, and no ordinary power on earth could have saved him from a knockout. Only his gigantic strength had kept him on his feet for so long a period.

A SIMPLE man, given to taking himself seriously, Carners left the ring mourning his loss with more passion than is usual among mourners in such cases. He is, it is obvious, a man without a future so far as this ancient and honorable profession of boxing goes. His only distinction in this cultured sphere has been his title. He is left even without profits. His managers are not the kind to give a simple person too much worldly goods to play with. Other champions have cleaned up during their time, but all that came to Carners was a simple life, devoid of the passions which have been the fortune of smart champions.

OSSENING SOCIAL CLUB HOLDS PICNIC

NEW YORK.—The Ossening Social Club will give its first annual picnic at the Sunset Drive-Sawmill River Road on Sunday, June 17th. There will be lots of entertainment and a good time is assured to everybody. Louise Morrison of the C. P. of Yonkers will speak 10 to 12 p. m.

TAXI UNION HOLDS "BEE" PARTY

NEW YORK.—The Communist Party of New York will hold a Bee Party and Entertainment at 40 W. 4th St., Sunday, at 8 p. m. to raise funds for the fight against company unions. Sam Orner and Joe Gilbert will have an endurance speaking contest. Admission 10 to 15 c.

C. P. OF YONKERS TO HOLD STRAW-BERRY FESTIVAL

NEW YORK.—On Saturday, June 16th, the Communist Party of Yonkers will celebrate the closing of its Section Week and Training School, by giving a Strawberry Festival at the Workers Center, 27 Hudson Street, Yonkers, N. Y. at 2 p. m.

UPPER HARBOR UNMILITATED COUNCIL TO HOLD DANCE

Shoe Workers of Lynn Hear Boston Organizer of C. P. Sparks Hits Reformists in U.S. & L.W.U.; Calls for Fighting Program

By a Worker Correspondent

LYNN, Mass. June 14.—Pinning the responsibility for the loss of the Haverhill shoe strike directly on the shoulders of the weaker elements of the District Council and the misleaders of the Co-ordinating Committee, the Halletts and the Zimmermans, who sabotaged the militant struggle of the Haverhill shoe workers in their recent strike, M. Sparks, district organizer of the Communist Party, speaking before the Eastern Local of the United Shoe and Leather Workers Union, pointed out that the present time is no time to get panic-stricken.

"The present agreement," he said, "extending present prices for 18 months, was forced on the shoe workers in Haverhill by the General Executive Board and the reformist elements in the District Council against the opposition of the Communist Party and the militants." This agreement and the present policy of the officials of the union, the policy of attempting to offer the manufacturers wage levels lower than those offered by the Progressive Union and that only by following this policy could the union be strengthened and real concessions be forced from the manufacturers instead of the union making concessions to the bosses.

Hallett, of the General Executive Board, who was one of those responsible for the sell-out of the Haverhill strike, took the floor after Sparks had spoken and admitted that he had opposed the strike there. While he was speaking over half of the four hundred workers at the meeting walked out.

The Daily Worker gives you full news about the struggle for daily employment insurance. Buy the Daily Worker at the newsstands. Three cents a copy.

National Sanitary Strike in Salem, Ohio, Solid

SALEM, Ohio, June 15.—The National Sanitary Co. here is out solidly on strike. Mass picketing has forced the power in the plant to be shut off. A broad rank and file strike committee has been elected. This shop, which was organized by the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union nine months ago, has won fifty percent increases in wages for its workers since then. Now the workers demand a 20 percent increase to meet rising prices of food and other necessities. The molders, all members of the American Federation of Labor, are out in solidarity with the National Sanitary workers.

Election Drive, Convention in Ill. Steel-Mine Region

BELLEVIEW, Ill., June 15.—Two election conventions are being held to nominate steel workers and miners on a Communist Party ticket in Madison and St. Clair Counties. On Saturday, June 21—a Madison County Conference will be held at Glen Carbon, to nominate Communist candidates for Sheriff, judge, county clerk and treasurer. Several organizations thus far have sent in the nomination of Joe Cunningham, leader of the Unemployed Federation of Madison County and a known Communist, as a candidate for Sheriff.

East Side Jobless March Today for H. R. 7598

NEW YORK.—As East Side workers prepared to march on the home of Congressman Samuel Dickstein of the 12th Congressional District, demanding that he sign the round robin to release the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill (H. R. 7598) for immediate vote in Congress, the city has been forced to rope off the entire street for the demonstration and to erect a speaker platform before the very door of the Congressman.

The workers will assemble at Rutgers Square at 5 p.m. today and march to the home of Dickstein at 306 East B'way where a committee will present the workers demands. Organizations sponsoring the march and demonstration include among others: the Downtown Unemployment Councils, locals 2 and 3 of the Workers Committee on Unemployment, a local of the Workers Unemployed Union, the Rutgers Place Action Committee, locals 13 and 19 of the Communist Party, and the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League.

The Fighting Vets

By H. E. BRIGGS

SENATE MANEUVERS ON BONUS SENATOR SHIPSTEAD OF Minnesota, Farmer-Labor, pretended to be a fellow and brought the Bonus Bill on the floor this week. Those who think Senator Shipstead is a friend of the vets are due for another jolt. This maneuver partly saved the face of the Republican and Democratic "friends of the veterans" who did not want to lose their Presidential patronage. At the same time, the floor leaders of both parties played their party game by voting against it. But the real reason for forcing the bill on the floor was rank and file pressure and the persistence of the Committee of Three (now the Resident Committee in Washington) elected at the Veterans National Rank and File Convention. As a rider to the Silver Bill, this maneuver also left open the excuse for many Senators that they could not vote for both. We must push this campaign, force a showdown, and will with militant strength, rally our friends and sympathizers to demand that Congress pass the Bonus Bill.

Let's Not Forget IN 1932, the excuse was, we would bankrupt the Treasury. 1933, they feared inflation, 1934 finds a similar excuse. This time, they say "If we pay the bonus, why not the farmers and unemployment insurance?" So most of this is "Why not?" Since most of the veterans are workers and farmers, there is nothing amiss in giving them full justice out of the box of bonus, and relief. Out of the 32 senators coming up for re-election, 11 voted for the Bill, 13 against, 6 not recorded. These fellows must have been hiding in the woods. Oregon and Arkansas should take particular notice of their Senators. The Republican Party is making a drive for new blood and young "progressive" men to stage a comeback next Fall. When they speak in your territory, ask them why they didn't vote for the bonus. The Democrats are in the same boat, with a majority. 15 of those coming up for re-election voted against the Bill.

I. A. C.

IN July of this year, the I. A. C. (International Ancient Combats) will hold its seventh International Congress. All militant rank and file veterans' organizations will be represented, including veterans now persecuted by Hitler. Nothing can hold these rank and file veterans from carrying out their business. The Congress meets in Brussels. The representative from the United States will be the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League. They will send three delegates and one wounded veteran who will receive a free trip to the Soviet Union and medical attention for one month.

CLARENCE, French Workers Club, 264 W. 18th St., House Party, speaker program, dancing 11 morning.

ROOSE PARTY, 1 Stuyvesant Alley 14th St. bet. Tenney and Decand Ave. 8:30 p.m. Movies. Benefit strike longshoremen, Norfolk, Va. Adm. 25c.

ROOSE PARTY for the 11000 Drive of Workers School, 189 Henry St. Apt. 20. Dancing, games, entertainment, 8:30 p.m.

ROOSE PARTY, District, P.S. 334 E. 13th St. Apt. 7, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments, games, entertainment. Aupices: Downtown Br. Club, 111 invited.

SPORTSWAR and COSTUME DANCE, 752 St. Nicholas Ave. (145th St.), La Maitre-Pardo Orchestra, entertainment from "Rit Lit Chillum." "Emperor Jones," and "Three Salads in 4 Act." Subscription 35c. Proceeds Scottsboro Defense Fund.

ROCKETS and DANCE at 1401 Jerome Ave., cor. 170th St., 8:30 p.m. Adm. 15c. Aupices: Mt. Eden Youth Br., F.R.U.

POREDAIM Progressive Club, 1229 Jerome Ave., near Burnside Ave., "Pre-Summer Picnic" chalk talk by "del. New Dancers Group, Dancing to Negro Jazz Band, Adm. 25c.

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, Section 15, Spaghetti Dinner and Dance, followed by entertainment, 2075 Clinton Ave., Subscription 40 cents.

DANCE, refreshments, Tremont Progressive Club, 866 E. Tremont Ave., 8:45 p.m. Excellent jazz band, dancing till dawn. Free refreshments.

Brooklyn

ENTERTAINMENT - Festival - Dance, given by Section 6, C. P., 1510 Myrtle Ave., 9 p.m. Honorary Orchestra: Red Clapper Orchestra, German Band and other. Subscription 10 cents.

MOONLIGHT Beach Party, 21st St. Beach, Coney Island, 10 p.m. Refreshments—fun galore, come and spend the evening in comradeship, atmosphere. Aupices: Ella May Br., I.L.D.

ROOSE PARTY at home of Comrade Arnold, 1115 48th St., Aupices: Bronx Park Workers Club, Gala house party. Admission free: 8:30 p.m.

CONCERT and DANCE given by C. P. fraction of Pae Workers at Brighton Workers Center, 2200 Coney Island Ave., 8 p.m. Ben Gold, speaker. Refreshments, bar, refreshments. Adm. for membership, 25 cents.

RED THEATRE NIGHT and Dance, Boro Park Cultural Club, 1280 56th St., 8:30 p.m. Shock Brigade Players, wrestling exhibition, hot jazz band.

SOCIAL given by Bensonhurst Br., F.R.U., 200 84th St., 8:30 p.m. Refreshments, bar, dancing.

CONCERT and DANCE—Coney Island Workers Club, 289 Mt. Carmel Ave. Program: Bronx Workers Club brass band, Brighton Beach Dram Section, New Dances Dancers, Dorfman Orchestra, Chorus of the Coney Island Workers Club. Proceeds for National Club. Subscription 25c.

GRAND OPENING PARTY, New Youth Club and N.Y. New Lots Chapter, 861 Wyona Ave., 8 p.m. Movies, entertainment, beer, party and entertainment and dance given by Rank and File of Locals 10 and 176 A.C.W.A. at Progressive Workers Club, 134 Tompkins Ave. Fun galore—free lunch. Subscription 35c.

Sunday

JAPANESE Workers Club picnic to South Beach, Staten Island. Meet at club, 21st Ave., 10:30 a.m.

FRIENDS of the Workers School hike to Tibbets Brook Park. Meet at Woodlawn Station, 10:30 a.m.

FORDHAM Br., F.R.U. Picnic to Van Cortlandt Park, 25th St. and 135th St. 10:30 a.m. Aupices: 135th St. Aupices: Mt. Eden Br., F.R.U.

DANCE RECITAL—New Dances Group, 11 E. 14th St. and solo dances. Guest Dancer: Jane Smith. 8:30 p.m. Aupices: N.Y.D.G. to perform. Adm. 35 cents; 2:50 p.m.

GARDEN PARTY and Dance, Program by artists of "Stevendore," excellent jazz band. Poide Mansion, 762 St. Nicholas Ave., 10:30 p.m. Aupices: 10:30 p.m. Aupices: Heywood Patterson Br., I.L.D., for the benefit of Scottsboro Defense Fund. Philadelphia Workers Club, 111 invited.

OPEN FORUM, "National Minorities in the Soviet Union and the United States," a Contrast. Speakers: Gertrude Hutchinson and Richard B. Moore. Little Theatre Y.M.C.A., 180 West 135th St. Aupices: The Vanguard.

JAMES W. FORD, Harlem Section Organizer, will speak to "The Role of the 75,000 Daily Worker Drive to the Workers Section," Eastman Workers Hall, 27 W. 118th St.

HIKE to Tibbets Brook. Meet at 108 Throldorf Ave., 9 a.m. Hike: Youth American Youth, Borough Park Workers Club and Brownsville Youth Club.

CLASSE in Public Speaking, given by Mr. Greenbaum at 15-44th Ave., Brooklyn. Comrades who can be used as speakers are invited to attend.

THEATRE ARTS Workshop of League of Workers Theatre, John B. Bonn speaks on "Practical Solutions of the Broadway Problem," Monday, 8:30 p.m., at 23 W. 135th St.

BOAT RIDE and Picnic to Hook Mountain on R.R. Island, Dancing, baseball, games, Sunday, June 17th. Tickets in advance \$1.00. Sale at District Office, 1199 Broadway, Room 233.

JUNE 22nd—A.M. 24th 325 Third Ave. Banquet celebrating the Ninth Anniversary of the I.L.D. Leon Blum, guest of honor. Speakers: Carl Brodsky, Rose Morris, Richard Moore, Adolf Wolff, Pierre Degrier Quintette, Prebich Chorus, New Dances Soloists. Aupices: Rose Pastor Stokes Br., I.L.D.

JUNE 24th SPECIALS NOW ON AT WORKERS BOOK SHOP & CIRCULATING LIBRARY, 30 E. 13th St.

Workers, N. Y.

STRAIGHTEN UP! report of the recent Rank and File Convention is about ready and will be sent out in the near future to all Posts. Get this bulletin, read it and discuss it, find out what happened in Washington and what we can do to help the growth of the rank and file veterans movement. An organizational bulletin will also be sent out in the near future. These will sell for 2c each. Don't let 2c keep you from being well informed.

Free Theilmann

ALL POSTS of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League should immediately write protests to the German Consulates, Hans Luther, the German Ambassador and Hitler, demanding the freedom of Ernst Theilmann and all class war prisoners. Comrade Theilmann is a German veteran of the World War, a valiant fighter of the German working class and as all decent honest elements fighting for the rights of the German workers, he was thrown into prison and now faces the charge of treason with the sentence of death. This is his reward for fighting for "The Fatherland." As veterans and buddies we should support the fight for the free Ernst Theilmann. Send that wire at once. Demonstrate before the Consulate in your respective cities!

Vicious Leaflet Seeks to Hide Ruinous Policies of Zausner in Painters Union

Quotes Fake "Communist" Document to Hide Gangsterism

THE desperate lengths of slander and ignorant abuse to which an exposed trade union bureaucrat can go are well illustrated in the leaflet now being distributed to the painters in New York by the Zausner officialdom of District Council 9.

The painters of this union are fighting for decent conditions on the job, for democracy within their own union, for an end to gangsterism and fascist methods in their meetings.

And the only answer that Phillip Zausner, present secretary-treasurer of District Council 9, can give the painters is this leaflet, which is an insult to the intelligence of every rank and file painter in the union.

This leaflet, issued under the reactionary name of the Vigilante Committee, is the first statement of policy issued by Zausner in the present election campaign.

And it reveals him as an open enemy of those very demands for which the painters of the union are fighting against the employers.

Truly, no agent of the Master Painters Association could have written a leaflet more in the interests of the employers, more opposed to the interests of the painters than the leaflet of Zausner. Every syllable of it bears the marks of reaction and the employers.

Fights Union Demands

It makes a vicious attack against the candidates of Local Union 499 and against the local as a whole. It calls the six-hour day and five-day week "unattainable demands on the employers."

He calls strict trade union conditions a "fictitious demand!"

The demand for democracy in the union, rank and file leadership and the demand for unemployment insurance is called a "Communist wrecking plan" by Zausner. Zausner, in his leaflet, ignores the de-

plorable conditions of the painters and instead of dealing with the problems of the organization is shouting "Communism." It is a good scheme and it worked very well in 1923 or 1924. But shouting Communism in 1934 will not convince the painters in New York City—especially those 80 per cent who are unemployed or those who are working much below the scale of wages, that Zausner and his machine, which collected and spent more than \$100,000 a year for gangsters, rack-

ets and underworld characters, that vicious "red-baiting" will create conditions on the job and will re-establish the painters' union in New York City as an organization which is able to defend the interests of the membership against the employers and their agents.

Zausner Has No Program for the Workers

Zausner has no program or platform. He stands exposed before the membership as an agent of the employers who secured his election in 1933 through the financial support of the Master Painters Association and through the strong-arm methods used by him to steal the elections. Zausner, attacking the six hour day as an "unattainable demand" and his accusing the large majority of the membership who have demonstrated time and time again that they are for the six hour day, as "Communist wreckers," overlooks the fact that hundreds of thousands of workers in the United States; in the steel mills, in the coal mines, in Minneapolis, Toledo, West Coast and in the South are carrying on a heroic struggle for the establishment of the six hour day, for the establishment of living wages and better conditions. Just as the Southern lynchers, as the New England textile owners, as the Western lumber magnates organized Vigilante Committees to break up the trade union movement and introduce fascist rule, so is Zausner organizing inter-local vigilante committees to break up the painters' union.

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Head of Thug Agency Boasts He's Preparing to Supply Gangsters for Steel Bosses

By HARRY RAYMOND

NEW YORK—With the threat of a great steel strike casting a dark shadow over the gay prancings of the multi-millionaire owners of steel mills, shady figures of professional strike-breakers, gun thugs and black-jack artists begin to strut before the public limelight.

The most notorious of these unallied strutters is the infamous P. T. Bergoff, head of the Bergoff Detective Agency, 2 Columbus Circle, whose record for acts of violence and thuggery against the working class dates back for over thirty years.

Vain and feeling secure in the knowledge that he has the protection of New York City government and its large police force, Bergoff has declared with considerable pride that some 10,000 strike-breakers are being recruited at \$8 a day—twice as much as an employed steel worker gets—for three or four big steel companies by his agency.

Medd a Million According to this own confession, Bergoff has "made millions" from his thirty years work of scab-herding, spying on labor and worse. He boasts that he has spies in many localities of the Amalgamated Association of Iron Steel and Tin Workers, and that he has "handled a lot of jobs" for the U. S. Steel Corporation, its subsidiary Carnegie Steel Co., Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Mellon's Aluminum Company of America, Rockefeller's Standard Oil, and over 100 other companies.

Tie-ups with steel town officials are indicated by Bergoff's declaration that his thugs "will be sworn in by local sheriffs." "We have a tentative understanding," he added, "with local sheriffs as has any large agency like ours which knows its business."

Bergoff boasts a "Strike Prevention Department" composed of men who "counteract the evil influence of strike agitators"; an "Undercover Department" of stool-pigeons who "furnish accurate information of the movements and contemplated actions of their fellow employees"; an "Open Shop Labor Department," an "Investigation Department," and a "Protection Department," composed of strong-arm men "with military or police experience."

In his interview with the press, Bergoff was "expansive" as the New York Post put it (June 8), on "his plans to put down the strike. Steel workers should be on the look-out for Bergoff's rats, these professional scab-herders, which the steel companies are ready to pay so much money while refusing to increase wages of the workers—can be effectively resisted by proper organization."

His Gangsters Disarmed

In fact, in July 1918, the majority

of the population of Bayonne, N. J., was aroused against Bergoff and his rats, following the killing of a boy and three men during the Tide Water Oil Co. strike as a result of sniping by Bergoff's gangsters from the plant. The pressure of the workers was so great that Sheriff Eugene Kinkead of Hudson County was forced to disarm the gangsters, confiscate their badges and clubs and lock up the ringleaders in the Hudson County jail. The rest of them were escorted out of town.

On another occasion Bergoff was the object of an attack by the New York labor unions. This was in 1916 shortly before he had his license revoked.

At this time a demand was made by organized labor that the relations between Bergoff and the Police Department be made public.

The unions at that time issued a statement demanding that the "private understanding that permits the Police Department to allow agencies to tap wires, install dictaphones, break into offices, smash desks and copy private correspondence" be made public.

"The public should know," said the statement, "to what extent the so-called private detective agencies and strike-breaking agencies are supervised and what reports they furnish to the Police Department."

"It is a well known fact that employees of these agencies are ex-convicts and people of such depraved moral standing in the community that decent people will not associate with them, and the people who employ them are not any better."

The drive against Bergoff, against all strike-breaking detective agencies, against the Sherwood Bureau of 1487 Broadway, must now be intensified. All trade unions, all workers organizations, should pass resolutions demanding that Bergoff and his clan of thugs be put out of business.

Teachers Meet Against Fascism, War Tonight

NEW YORK.—A mass meeting against fascism and war will be held tonight 8 p. m. at the Central Opera House, 205 East 6th St., under the auspices of the New York Teachers Anti-War Committee.

Speakers will be Leroy E. Bowman, member of the Executive Board of the Teachers Union and director of the Child Study Association; Dr. S. Maroshe, editor of "The Day"; Maria Halberstadt, exiled German teacher; Harold Farmer of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, and Norman Tallentire of the American League Against War and Fascism.

Socialist Editor in Hartford Resigns After Detroit Convention; Pledges Support to C. P.

Active Worker Denounces Policies of S. P. Leadership

HARTFORD, Conn., June 15.—

Denouncing the recent actions of the Socialist Party leadership at the Detroit Convention as leading to the same capitulation to fascism which marked the recent actions of the Social-Democratic Parties in Germany and Austria, the following statement from Dick Farber, a leading worker in the ranks of the Socialist Party, here, with presents his resignation from the Socialist Party and his support of the Communist Party.

The statement of Farber, denouncing the anti-working class policies and actions of the Socialist Party, follows similar statements recently printed in the Daily Worker from Walter Hackmeier, former member of the Executive Committee of the Buffalo Socialist Party local, and Joe Zimmers, member of the State Executive Committee of the California Socialist Party and former National Organizer of the Y. P. S. L.

These resignations from the S. P. and the coming over to the Communist Party indicates that a real desire for revolutionary struggle against capitalism exists among many honest class conscious workers in the Socialist Party. It is to these workers, particularly, that the Central Committee of the C. P. addressed its manifesto for United Front.

By DICK FARBER

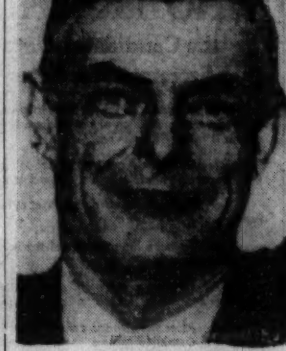
Former Organizer, Y. P. S. L., Hartford; Chairman Labor Committee, Socialist Party of Hartford; editor of "United Struggle"; chairman of the Hartford Association of Unemployed, North End Branch; delegate to Y. P. S. L. conventions at Cleveland and Reading; also elected as alternate to the Socialist Party Convention in Detroit from Connecticut.

THE Socialist Party Convention in Detroit showed the bankruptcy and confusion within the ranks of the S. P. The S. P. of America, in spite of its outer cloak of revolutionary phrases and the name of the "Old Guard," the Waldmans, the Pankers, the Abe Cahans and the Algonquin Lees, is destined to play the role of the Social Democrats of Germany and Austria.

Many of the rank and file of the S. P. may have been fooled by the demagogues of Norman Thomas and Daniel Hoan, who "suddenly" became the leaders of the "Militants." They may have been fooled by the "Militants" of the type of Max Delson, Katherine Pollak, Maxey Kruger and Amos West, who in their phony manner were part and parcel of the conservative party machinery both at the Milwaukee and the Detroit conventions. They

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allied themselves with other leading groups in order to make themselves in the "New Leadership" of the party. One example is Kruger, who talked so "left" at Paris, but took the lead in expelling the Chicago "United Front" group, under the leadership of J. B. Matthews, Ruth Shalcross and Francis Henson, after flirting around with the renegades J. Lovestone and Joe Cannon and their reactionary sect, capitalism.

No Program of Struggle

The Socialist Party convention did not adopt a program of revolutionary struggle, but spread confusion among the rank and file. The important question of the United Front was pushed in the background and referred to the National Executive Committee. The officialdom of the S. P. feared the rank and file would press for unity in struggle of Communist and Socialist workers in the American League Against War and Fascism and the Unemployed Movement, etc., and thereby they would lose their influence over the rank and file workers. In this way they aid the capitalists by splitting the workers in the fight against fascist, terror and imperialist war.

Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill which was introduced by the Socialist administration of Bridgeport and Milwaukee and many Socialist locals through the pressure of the rank and file, was not even introduced by the S. P. C. This betrayal, the unemployed will not forget so easily.

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portance to the S. P. leadership who have not even one representative on the N.E.C. of the S. P. This is due to the "Jim Crow" policy of the S. P., which expressed itself by totally ignoring the Negro question as a special problem. Take, for example, the "Jim Crow" locals of the S. P. in the South. The C. P. on the other hand took up this problem seriously and with deliberation.

The class collaboration policy of the S. P. in supporting the bureaucratic A. F. of L. leadership of the Greens, Wolls, and Lewis's betrayed the organized workers. The failure of the S. P. to point out the strike-breaking policies of the A. F. of L. and its cooperation with the capitalist machine shows clearly the role of the leadership. Leo Kravsky, chairman of the N.E.C. and Graham, N.E.C. member, who admitted keeping workers from strike struggle, as both A. F. of L. fakers struggle very little from the Greens, the Wolls, and the Lewis's. They live in luxury on dues for which the rank and file sweat. These union officials of the S. P. fear losing their fat salaries through the building of broad revolutionary industrial unions controlled by the rank and file.

Resolutions for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys, Angelo Herndon, Tom Mooney and other political prisoners, for the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann and other victims of the fascist terror were of small significance to the S. P. convention and were not taken up. A resolution on the Soviet Union was referred to the N.E.C. which called for the setting up of counter-revolutionary parties in the Soviet Union.

Jasper McLevy, who fraternized with manufacturers and other business men, smashed unemployed and anti-fascist demonstrations and

Disillusioned at "Militants" and Sabotage of United Front

welcomed fascist leaders in Bridgeport; Joe Sharris, champion of pacifism and nationalism, Abe Cahans, Algonquin Lees, and Waldman, bitter enemies of the Soviet Union; Socialist sheriffs, who evict workers families; businessmen, clergymen, lawyers, opportunists, and careerists dominate the S. P., with a sprinkling of sincere workers who have the illusion that the S. P. will lead them to Socialism.

As a member of the S. P. and the Y. P. S. L. I had the illusion that the S. P. would become a revolutionary party. After consistently fighting for unity between the workers of the S. P. and C. P. for over two years, I have found the S. P. leadership reactionary and bureaucratic and against revolutionary struggle. The Socialist Party is the bulwark of capitalism. Despite the revolutionary crisis, despite the resolutions and demands of the "United Struggle" Group, the real "left wing" of the S. P. and Y. P. S. L. for the united front for the Soviet Union was the only real Workers' and Farmers' Government, for participation in the struggles of the workers not only in words, but in deeds; despite all these things the Socialist Party with its criminal policy of dividing the workers has opened our eyes to the fact that there is but one revolutionary party of the masses, the Communist Party.

Only under the leadership of the C. P. of the U. S. A., which is part of the Communist International, which follows a strict revolutionary policy of class struggle, the Party of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin will the workers of the U. S. A. and all revolutionary Socialists and trade unionists as a part of the International Proletariat be able to win the final and decisive victory over capitalism.

Communists do not hide their aims. The Proletarian Revolution cannot take place without the forcible destruction of the State machine, then the setting up of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, toward a Soviet America, to Socialism.

Comradely yours, DICK FARBER.

P. S.—Resigned from Socialist Party, Thursday, June 7, 1934.

JAPANESE IN IRAK

BASRA, Irak, June 15.—Fourteen Japanese industrialists arrived here via India today to conclude commercial agreements with Irak merchants. The Japanese are in a preferred position in the protectorate and in the face of the English declaration of a state of trade war with Japan.

Home Relief Bureau Drops 7,500 Families, 2,292 Cut Off Supplementary Relief

NEW YORK—In its drive against the unemployed, the LaGuardia administration, with the intended purpose of slashing all supplementary relief to large families, has "discovered" 2,292 "chiselers" on the relief lists.

Edward Corsi, director of Home Relief, in a preliminary check of 48,271 families on the relief lists, announced that he had found 2,292 families were receiving both home relief and work relief, the total from both, in no case amounting to more than \$90 a month.

On work relief, a family receives \$12 a week. In the case of large families this is less than Home Relief budgets for food, rent, gas and electricity. In many cases, families won the right to both forms of relief, one supplementing the other.

Attempt to Slash All Relief

That Corsi's "discovery" is just another barefaced attempt to slash the relief standards of the unemployed is indicated by the manner in which his startling discovery was announced—an inquiry, and 2,292 families are simply "dropped" from supplementary relief.

In the past, the LaGuardia administration has heralded attacks upon the unemployed by similar name calling. As thousands were being fired from C.W.A., Mr. Moses, LaGuardia's appointee, slandered the C.W.A. workers with the term "loafers." Two weeks ago, LaGuardia shouted "yellow dogs." Yesterday Corsi's "chiselers" saw the light of day from the front pages of the press. In each instance, drastic attacks have been made on the unemployed.

Drop 7,500 Families

Corsi also announced that the Home Relief Bureau had dropped 7,500 families from the relief rolls during the past month because it was found that they were "no longer in need." At the same time, case loads reached a new high of 168,800 from about 157,000 for the preceding month. Inasmuch as during the course of the month, he said that new applications for relief were coming in at the rate of 1,500 a day. Fifteen hundred new cases daily would bring the total to around 200,000. The Home Relief Bureau is "dropping" aid clients as fast as new applications are received.

A "typical budget" for a family of five has just been worked out by the Department of Public Welfare. It is below the standards previously set by the Welfare Department, yet a family on Home Relief by this budget would receive more than on "work relief." It allows a total of \$49.30 a month—\$39.91 for food, \$14.00 for rent, \$1.61 for electricity, \$1.73 for gas, and \$1.09 for household supplies. Under work relief,

this same family of five would receive only \$48 a month.

While declaring this to be a "typical budget," the average family budget actually amounts to only \$38.91 per month.

Harlem Councils Will New York City Council, Corsi announced, would be opened in Harlem, one on 128th St., Harlem, where the Harlem Unemployment Council has demanded a bureau, one on 150th St., and one near Rivington St.

New investigators would be added to the Home Relief staff, Corsi declared, adding, "This would mean an end of plumbers and carpenters or needy applicants being appointed to the investigating staff." This can only mean that selection will be in direct proportion to the reliance which the LaGuardia administration places that it can place in those appointed to carry out the starvation orders of LaGuardia.

New York A. F. L. Meet on Social Bill HR 7598 June 28th

To Decide on Plans for Presentation to A. F. L. Nat'l Convention

NEW YORK—Calls for a New York Conference for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill (H. R. 7598) have been issued to every local of the American Federation of Labor in New York City by the A. F. of L. Trade Union Committee for Unemployment Insurance and Relief. The conference will be held Saturday, July 28, at 1 p. m., at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place.

Attached to the call are listed the 75 A. F. of L. unions in New York City which have endorsed the Workers' Bill. Already more than 2,000 A. F. of L. locals throughout the country, 32 Central Labor Unions and four state federations of labor have endorsed the Workers' Bill (H. R. 7598).

Endorsements are not enough. For this reason this conference of all A. F. of L. locals is being convened. The conference will adopt plans of action on the needs of the unemployed in the A. F. of L. In sending out the call, special attention has been given to enlisting the support of A. F. of L. workers in organized cooperation to the local campaign in the A. F. of L. unions. Representation to the conference will be on the basis of one delegate from each local.

Torch of Mass Struggle Blazes Forth in the Marine Industry

Marine Workers Industrial Union Calls Men in No. Atlantic Ports to Stop Intercoastal Shipping

By ROY HUDSON

THE torch of mass struggle is beginning to blaze forth in the marine industry. The general mood of the workers is best revealed in discussions recently held with unorganized workers. In one form or another they all raised one major question: When are we going to have a national strike?

No doubt on many other ships and docks workers are already beginning to think in terms of major struggles. Talk of national action has been stimulated by a whole series of recent strikes; by the movement of the unemployed in many ports; by the recent Gulf strike of longshoremen which also involved a number of ships crews; and by the present tremendous struggle of 25,000 seamen and longshoremen on the Pacific Coast.

More fuel must be added to the torch of struggle—more workers must gather more forces through rallying the marine workers of the North Atlantic to prevent the loading, discharging and sailing of all intercoastal ships to or from the West Coast. The first steps in this

direction have already been taken with the strike of the S. S. Texan and the five-hour walk-off of the International Longshoremen's Association longshoremen in New York on the Lena Luckenbach and the President Cleveland. These actions, inspired by the militant West Coast strikes, as well as by the slogans put forward here by the Marine Workers Industrial Union, will also serve to arouse and inspire the other workers in the North Atlantic into action. Making the West Coast strike effective on all intercoastal ships on a national scale is of the most vital importance.

Officials of the International Longshoremen Association and the International Seamen's Union have done everything possible to prevent the extension of the Pacific coast strike on a national scale. The Marine Workers Industrial Union, which alone has fought for action in the East, must accept the major responsibility for even greater efforts to rally the seamen and longshoremen in the North Atlantic to the complete stoppage of all intercoastal shipping—which at the present time is of vital importance to the striking west coast men who, also, must continue to reject all fake arbitration schemes and individual settlements; to redouble their mass picket lines; keep the strike firmly in the hands of their elected rank and file strike committee, and be even more on guard against the Ryan and Roosevelt attempts to weld even firmer the united front of seamen and longshoremen without regard to organizational affiliation, strengthening the strike and extending it to the East coast intercoastal ships as an immediate task that requires the greatest efforts upon our part.

Workers Ready To Fight

Certainly the present mass struggles show the willingness of the workers to struggle. It is also correct for us in connection with our main and immediate task to estimate our influence and strength and the possibilities that exist in the present struggles for us to rally and prepare the workers for united struggle in even larger class battles. What are the facts, and the perspective in this connection?

During the past year there has been an ever increasing number of struggles. Practically without exception these struggles were organized and led by the Marine Workers Industrial Union. There can be no doubt that these struggles have inspired and paved the way for the recent struggles, especially the present one on the West Coast, which is outstanding because of its intensity in the face of police terror; for its determination the strike is now entering the fifth week; and because of the united action of the seamen and longshoremen.

What has been the role of the

revolutionary movement in the West Coast strike?

The strike was initiated by the longshoremen organized in the International Longshoremen's Association. The vast majority of these longshoremen (at least 15,000) joined the I. L. A. during the past year when illusions about the N.R.A. were at their highest. "Wait for the code" was the main argument used by the fakers in preventing. A rank and file group struggling, a rank and file group struggling, particularly around a bulletin issued by rank and file called the "Waterfront Worker," which called for a struggle against the policy of the officials. It was largely the activities of this group which forced the calling of a coastwide rank and file conference where many previous demands of the officials were overruled and plans for a coastwide strike laid.

Although the officials sabotaged the carrying out of the decisions of this conference and with the help of President Roosevelt prevented the calling of an immediate strike the president worked the opposition movement mobilized the longshoremen for strike action in spite of Roosevelt's no-strike order which had been accepted by the officials. The demands of the workers also reflect the influence of the revolutionary movement. They are for \$1 an hour; the six-hour day; for hiring halls controlled by the longshoremen and for recognition of the I. L. A.

Workers Defeat Schemes Until recently every effort of the shipowners to end the strike through terror and fake arbitration schemes introduced by the N.R.A. and the I. L. A. officials have been defeated by the workers, led by the rank and file strike committees. These strike committees were set up in nearly every port; in some of the ports they are composed mostly of supporters of the rank and file group—although this group functioned well prior to the strike, in one port. Communist longshoremen also are in these committees, playing an active and leading role.

While we have weak contacts in a few ports with the longshoremen and their strike committees, we can say that in the major and strategic ports (where systematic opposition work has been carried on) we are a major factor and the strike is in the hands of workers opposed to the reactionary policy of the officials and that these workers are determined to carry out a militant class struggle program. Finally the extent of our influence is reflected in the fact that the I. L. A. local in San Francisco has made the western organ of the Communist Party, the Western Worker, their official strike bulletin.

In regard to the seamen, The Marine Workers Industrial Union directly initiated the movement for solidarity with the longshoremen and raised their demands and called for a joint strike. Here it should be

SEAMEN! LONGSHOREMEN! Unite Behind the NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE

Baltimore, Md. Sept. 1st and 2nd

TO ORGANIZE AND PREPARE TO

STRIKE

ONE NATIONAL WAGE SCALE.

SEAMEN

a) 1929 Shipping Board Wage Scale as minimum low wage; for 20% increase on all ships paying higher wages.

b) For the 8 hour day for ALL departments. Overtime pay after 8 hours.

c) A 35% increase in manning scale.

d) For a Centralized Shipping Bureau in every port, controlled by elected committees of seamen.

FOR SEAMEN WORKERS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BILL, H.R. 7598

For recognition of Unions of our own choosing and right to strike.

(The above demands are merely proposals, subject to changes or additions by action of the Conference.)

LONGSHOREMEN

a) For the demands of the West Coast strike; 8 1/2 hour; the 6 hour day; time and half for overtime.

b) Against the speed-up. For larger gages and smaller loads.

d) For a central hiring hall in every port to be controlled by elected committees of longshoremen.

The front page of a four-page call for a National Unity Conference, issued by the National Committee of the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

emphasized that at this time there was no mass organization existing among the seamen. The response to our call was so great that it compelled the International Seamen's Union also to issue one or suffer isolation.

Majority for United Front

The movement for United Front strike committees of the I. L. A. and M. W. I. U. was sabotaged by the officials—but in most of the ports the majority of the seamen followed the leadership of the United Front committees established through the initiative of the M. W. I. U. In San Pedro we were able to force an official united front. In San Francisco large numbers of I. S. U. members are strongly influenced by the united front strike committee—in spite of their officials.

tive factors which we believe reflect generally our influence and possibilities both amongst the seamen and longshoremen—including those organized in the A. F. of L. Lacking sufficient details and reports we have not attempted to estimate the whole results of the strike or to analyze its shortcomings—a number of which are now becoming apparent. While these will be dealt with later it is necessary now to say a word about the North Atlantic ports. Here our efforts to rally the workers have been too much of an afflictional character; insufficient efforts were made and our weak position amongst the longshoremen make it difficult to develop struggle in spite of the I. L. A. officials. The strike of the S. S. Texan under our leadership, which also inspired the unorganized five-hour walkout of the I. L. A. longshoremen on two docks in support of the west coast, merely show the possibilities that exist for getting the mass of workers into action. It is necessary that more efforts be made to utilize these possibilities thus making sure that every possible effort will be made to win the West Coast demands.

About the Betrayals

One other question must be raised and answered. Some say that the betrayal of the Gulf strike by Ryan and the confusing role of the M. W. I. U. there amongst the seamen will demoralize the workers; will exhaust their energy and their willingness to undertake further struggle—particularly upon a national scale. We must say no to this question. In the betrayals and weakness of these strikes will compel the workers to raise the question of National Action.

The lack of common demands for all the strikes; the lack of program organization which makes it difficult to develop joint action in the North Atlantic; that prevented joint action of the seamen on a mass scale in the Gulf; the ability of the officials in some place to maneuver because there is no central strike committee of rank and file workers who would command the confidence and leadership of the mass of workers—all these factors, common in all struggles, make the need for preparations for National Action more apparent to all workers.

Also the West Coast strike must be carried through in such a manner as to win the demands put forward by the workers and as a stepping stone toward even larger struggles for the purpose of gaining greater victories or of maintaining the standards that can and must be won in the present strikes. Therefore in this respect we must raise the question of our National Unity Conference even to the workers now engaged in historic fights. Of course, all these things will not be automatically clear to the workers. But we must work amongst them and help them to draw the proper lessons from all their struggles.

In connection with this strike we have merely indicated certain posi-

September Unity Conference Must Rally Seamen, Longshoremen for Joint Action in All Ports

Not only that but all the recent struggles will have a tremendous effect upon the seamen and longshoremen who have been drawn into the struggle. This is especially amongst the seamen in the North Atlantic and Gulf and the members of the International Longshoremen's Association whose agreement expires in September. Amongst these longshoremen the demands put forward by the West Coast longshoremen, as well as the mass revolt against Ryan and company, will have a tremendous effect in inspiring them to similar action.

Toward Unity Conference

All of these events show that the decision boldly made by the National Committee meeting of the Marine Workers Industrial Union last April for the calling of a National Unity Conference to prepare for National strike action was correct. The possibilities that even more favorable now. We must make use of the situation. While we can have no guarantee that there will be a National strike (and must guard against any mechanical conception that there must be one in September) we must also recognize that the organizational preparations for the conference in September are of the greatest importance and to a great extent will determine whether the possibilities will be utilized for the development of even greater struggles.

The force of our union in every port must work out concrete plans of work for the coming three months. Especially must these plans result in serious effort to reach all reformist organizations for endorsement of the conference.

Amongst the seamen in the North Atlantic and Gulf we should endeavor to organize partial and company struggles; an even wider popularization of our code must be carried through; the most important of all we must concentrate upon organizing and consolidating action committees in support of the conference on every ship.

Work amongst the longshoremen must be intensified, especially amongst the I. L. A. longshoremen in the North Atlantic. Through systematic work we must endeavor to secure at least a few endorsements of the conference from I. L. A. locals. The main slogans raised in connection with the expiration of the agreement should be for a National uniform agreement based on the West Coast demands for joint action with the seamen—to organize conference action committees.

The West Coast and Gulf Conference being called during the coming month must be utilized for consolidating our position there and for intensifying the preparations for the conference in these districts. The main thing in all ports, es-

pecially the North Atlantic, must be a close and systematic check-up on all phases of the work by the league committees; however, the fullest responsibility for the execution of the plans.

The recruiting campaign for 5,000 new members is already beginning to produce fairly good results. We must utilize the campaign in preparation for the conference in order to successfully carry it through. In this connection we must redouble our efforts in exposing and isolating the leaders of the I. S. U. and I. W. W. and winning the mass of seamen, as well as the unorganized longshoremen, directly for the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

In carrying through the work outlined finances will be urgently needed. A real drive for a conference fighting fund should be part and parcel of the organizational preparations for the conference. As a means of popularizing the conference there should be a wide sale of the conference buttons and a special conference assessment stamp should be taken out by every member. Local conference and fighting fund drives should be initiated amongst the seamen and longshoremen. Additional help will also be needed to carry through the preparations and therefore all sympathizers are urged to give the fullest cooperation to the local campaigns in the various ports or to send donations directly to the National Office of the M. W. I. U. at 2 Stone St., Room 701, New York City.

Hudson to Make Tour Of Ports to Prepare for Nat'l Conference

NEW YORK—In preparation for the National Unity Conference of seamen and longshoremen to be held in Baltimore, Sept. 1-2, R. B. Hudson, National Secretary of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, will make a national tour of the Great Lakes, Pacific Coast, Gulf of New Mexico and Atlantic ports. During the month of July, district conferences will be held in Cleveland, Portland, Ore., and New Orleans.

Hudson will speak in the following ports:

Buffalo and Cleveland, June 20.
Chicago, June 21.
Duluth, Minn., June 22.
Meetings are being arranged for Hudson's tour in Seattle and other Northwest ports from June 25 to July 3. Ports in California will be visited by Hudson July 4 to 14. Gulf ports: July 15 to 24.

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Chicago C. P. Names Jailed Negro Jobless Leader For Congress

Close to 300 Delegates Expected at New Haven C. P. Nominating Meet Today and Tomorrow

CHICAGO, Ill., June 15.—David Poinsett, militant Negro unemployed leader now serving a sentence of from one to five years in Joliet penitentiary was named a candidate for Congress on the Communist Party ticket at the nominating convention of the Second Congressional District a few days ago. The International Labor Defense is raising bail to release Poinsett pending his appeal.

Claude Lightfoot and Lucius Armstrong were nominated for state assembly and senate respectively from the fifth senatorial district. Lightfoot is a well-known fighter in the ranks of the working class and has been active on the South Side of Chicago for several years. He is one of the leaders of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and section organizer of the Young Communist League. Lightfoot polled 33,000 votes when he ran for the same position in 1932. Armstrong, a former steel worker, is section organizer of Section Seven of the Communist Party.

Oliver Law and Isadore Merin were also nominated for assembly to run with Lightfoot. Armstrong made the main speech of the convention, discussing conditions in the Chicago Black Belt. He pointed out very sharply the need for the most energetic fight against segregation and racial relief, and told of the leadership of the candidate nominated in such struggles in the past.

Forty-two delegates attended the conference, representing 23 working class groups. The majority of those present took the floor and voiced their support of the Communist program and the candidates.

It was decided to call another conference, July 1, 10 a. m. at 6 W. 44th to secure an even broader support for the ticket. Bob Minor will speak at this conference.

A conference to elect Communist Party candidates in the Seventh Congressional District of Chicago for the November election, where 60 delegates representing 20 organizations unanimously endorsed the candidates and platform, was held at Wickers Park Hall several days ago. A nomination speech, made by D. Brown, in the name of the Org. Committee, nominating for Congress, A. C. Guay was met with a spontaneous demonstration which lasted for several minutes. The nomination of Schellenberger, made by delegate Delinsky, as Senator for the 25th Senatorial District, and the nominations of the Assemblyman, made by the delegate Jay, were met with similar response.

List of Tag Day Stations for June 18 and 17

808 Van Buren St., 1325 Blue Island Ave., 1406 S. Racine Ave., 1118 W. Madison St., 1551 W. Polk St., 1842 W. Cermak Rd.

4004 W. Roosevelt Rd., 2741 W. Cermak Rd., 1634 Lavndale Ave.

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Roosevelt Uses Misery of the Drought to Clamp A. A. A. Yoke on Small, Impoverished Farmers

Gov't Buys Cattle and Turns Funds Over to Creditors

THE poor farmers are suffering the worst drought in the history of the United States. The bosa- and government-controlled press is now forced into a partial admission of the seriousness of the situation. Mr. Hopkins, relief administrator, states that "This involves the most serious disaster that has ever occurred in this country." That conditions are "just terrible" has to be admitted by Secretary Wallace. Thirty-five states are affected, of which 20 are affected seriously. The wheat crop is estimated at only 500,000,000 bushels. Many sections have a total crop failure. Grass has withered. Ponds, creeks and wells have dried up. The country has been swept by dust storms. Cattle and stock are without feed and water.

The government, the New Deal, has known that a terrible drought existed for weeks, but has tried to hide the fact, and still conceals its great extent. Not only this but it has delayed its meagre relief until irreparable damage has become widespread.

Feeling Through A. A. A.

The drought exposes the A. A. A. Agricultural program, showing it in all of its nakedness as a scheme for crushing out of production two or three million small and middle farmers. Drought destruction is to a considerable degree still beyond human control. But Roosevelt's destruction campaign of the New Deal in agriculture is man-made, is capitalist made.

Not only this but Roosevelt is now using the drought as a means to help put through the A. A. A. reduction and destruction. Farmers are being forced to agree to the reduction campaign in order to be eligible for benefit payments. The payments for slaughtering cattle is only a bounty, from \$4 to \$8 for calves under a year, from \$10 to \$20 for older stock. The small farmer will receive the smaller price for their starving stock. But these payments go in large part to the creditor. And most of the stock is mortgaged. The government, a large creditor, thus pays bonuses to itself.

The forcing of the small drought-ridden farmers to subsidize starvation farming is being pushed by the government relief agencies. Thousands of farm families will be permanently removed from their home farms in this manner. If the government plans are allowed to go through.

Rich Farmers Profit

The main part of the \$500,000,000 drought relief appropriation will be



This is a general picture of the drought area, where cattle are dying of dust pneumonia, and families are suffering for food and water. In places buildings have been partially covered in dust drifts. The drought now covers a wider territory than shown in the map.

used not for direct relief but for the purposes of pushing through the program of the New Deal, of the bankers. Loans will be made mainly to the large, well-to-do farmers. Just as little as possible is to be used upon those who need it most, the small and ruined middle farmers. Roosevelt wants to get rid of them anyway, why should he give them relief? Assistant Sec. Tugwell has already stated that 2,000,000 farmers should be taken out of production.

Only the fear of the Mass revolt of these farmers forces the little amount of relief which they do receive, and only the mass struggles of these ruined farmers will increase the amount of relief.

Roosevelt says that there is no danger of famine, that fear of famine is groundless. He wants it restated that there is plenty to eat in the United States. Yes, there is plenty to eat, but millions of workers, their wives and children are underfed or actually starving. There is plenty to eat, but what does this mean to the drought-ridden farmers, who have everything wiped out, cattle, chickens, garden and all? A large part of the slaughtered cattle, perhaps one half, will be buried on the farms because the government neglected the situation until the cattle were already dying from thirst and starvation. Estimates are that 2,000,000 head will be killed. How many hungry people, in this land of plenty, would this have fed if properly taken care of?

This drought not only hits the poor farmers, but it is estimated that large numbers of city workers who ordinarily depend upon agricultural products for work will be unemployed, the agricultural workers will suffer severely. Prices to the city workers are already being raised because of "scarcity" in this land of "plenty to eat." Food speculators as usual are using this situation to make huge profits out of the

Thousands Starving As Roosevelt Gives No Cash Relief

forage supplies at the expense of the government from the supplies in storage, in the hands of grain dealers and large farmers.

Production loans, without interest to the ruined drought farmers wherever and whenever needed. All payments for slaughtered or purchased cattle to go to the farmers, none to the mortgage holders. Relief to be administered and the purchase price of slaughtered cattle to be set by committees of the poor farmers themselves.

Demand the repeal of the vicious A. A. A. Demand the immediate passage of the Farmers Emergency Relief Bill. The campaign must be intensified on a nation-wide scale to get relief and prevent untold suffering for the poor farmers. This campaign must be linked up also with the fight of the city workers for relief and against the N. R. A., for the passage of the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill (H. R. 3583) and against the whole Roosevelt New Deal.

Foreign Born Group Fights Deportation

Committee Asks Release of Berkman, Others

NEW YORK.—A call to all workers to intensify their demands for the cancellation of deportation warrants against Jack Schneider, Edith Berkman, Sam Paul, William Zaslavsk, Anna Zaslavsk and others held for deportation for activity in working-class struggles was issued yesterday by the Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

Protest telegrams should be sent immediately to Secretary of Labor Perkins in Washington. Protests should also be made of a bill for relief of asylum for Charist Russians now before Congress. Members of the Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born have recently returned from Washington where they presented their demands to federal authorities for the freeing of foreign born workers arrested for militant working class activity.

48-HOUR STRIKE IN SPAIN

SEVILLE, Spain, June 15.—A 48-hour general strike was declared here today in the face of police terror that has resulted in the arrest of over 250 workers in the past ten days.

The Civil Governor of Seville has taken the lead in applying ruthless force to the suppression of the strike of farm laborers still raging throughout Spain.

New Head of "Negro Liberator" Tells of Paper's Significance

Merrill C. Work Has Been Teacher, Steel Worker, Grand Central "Red Cap," Jobless Organizer

By HELEN KAY

FROM school teacher to steel worker, from Red Cap in Grand Central Station to organizer for the Urban League, from unemployed worker and organizer to the



MERRILL C. WORK

climax, business manager of the Negro Liberator, Merrill C. Work's 20 years have been full of revolutionary lessons.

Born in the heart of the South, Nashville, Tenn., his father, John W. Work, one of those few Negro leaders who fought against the Uncle Tomism of Booker T. Washington, Merrill learned early of the position of the Negro in capitalist America. That is why he is helping to launch the Negro Liberator, at a united front conference of Negro and white organizations, which was held this Saturday, June 16, at the St. Phillips A. M. E. Church in Harlem at 2 p. m.

While a freshman at Fisk University, where his father was head of the History and Latin Department, he was one of the world famous Fisk Quartet. Merrill Work learned of organization, Merrill, the elder Work, and George Streeter, at present editor of the Crisis, agitated for the removal of the white college President Fayette Avery McKenzie for his anti-Negro speeches. Secret agitation was carried on in clubs and class rooms against the President. In the eight years of the President's stay at the university from 1917-1927 he caused the expulsion of nearly 100 students and professors.

"My father finally resigned and became president of a rival institution, the Roger Williams," stated Merrill Work as he threw his mind back into the past. "Streeter was suspended and expelled several times, and I was hounded and asked to withdraw from the college. I refused to withdraw and was active in getting Streeter reinstated."

The final straw that caused a strike in December, 1924, was when McKenzie called 30 cops in to break up a meeting, and they treated the students pretty rough."

The striking students demanded the immediate removal of McKenzie, all students' rights, such as fraternities, regular social intercourse which they were forbidden, a Negro president, and a Negro majority on the faculty.

"Right here is where I got my understanding of the unity of Negro and white workers. It could happen right in the heart of the South," he saw myself. The students of Vanderbilt University came out and demonstrated with us for our demands.

"W. E. Du Bois, then editor of the Crisis, wrote letters giving us counsel. He urged that we do not ask for everything at once. He helped dissipate the force of the strike. He held off the battle so that President McKenzie was not removed for six months, and in that time many of the strikers were terrorized and driven from school. Our main demand, a Negro President, was not won, due to this."

Then Merrill Work's life was one of a fighter continually battling for Negro rights. He taught school in a little village called Murfreesboro, Tenn. There he demanded the same salary as the white teachers in the school system, and the same social and economic rights, and as he did it he got it. "So the next year I taught school at Bowling Green, Kentucky." He finally lost his job as teacher, and got a job in the steel mills of Gary, Ind., where he worked as a sweeper, sticker puller, hot mill catcher.

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LESSONS OF THE GREAT TOLEDO STRIKE

By JOHN WILLIAMSON

(This is the first of a series of four articles for the Daily Worker starting today. This will be followed by a more detailed article in the July COMMUNIST.)

THE Toledo events and experiences, with the great militancy, determination and fighting ability displayed by the masses, notwithstanding tremendous odds at times, makes this one of the greatest events in the history of the Toledo labor movement. Occurring at a time when tremendous mass struggles are sweeping the country, a successful Toledo general strike would have lent impetus to the maturing class battles, particularly the steel strike.

The Background Developments

Last February a strike struggle took place involving these same auto parts shops. They were maneuvered back to work with a 5 per cent wage increase and a promise that by April 1st further consideration would be given their cases by the employers and the Labor Board. April 1st came, but nothing happened. They were given no response. In the second week of April the workers in the Electric Auto-Lite Company, the Logan Gear and Bingham Stamping Co. struck under the leadership of the American Federation of Labor. The Auto-Lite factory was the largest, employing 2,000 workers.

The main demands of the strikers were a 10 per cent increase in wages and recognition of the union. The strike was poorly organized and led. The outstanding leader, a business agent by the name of Thomas Ramsey, to whom we will devote considerable space later, had sold out the February strike, but proved himself a clear left phrasemonger, adapting himself to the moods of the masses in order better to betray them. Within two weeks after the strike was called, about 1,200 had already returned to work and the company was hiring additional scabs. Prior to the big events, the plant was practically running at normal as far as production was concerned. The 600 to 700 strikers were for all intents and purposes a factor to the mass rights, blacklisted workers. The company had secured an injunction which limited picketing first to six and later to 25 at each gate. The A. F. of L. leadership lived up to its injunction to the letter. The picketing conducted by the union, even on such a basis, was very irregular.

The Party, through its influence in the Unemployed Councils, initiated movements for mass picketing and smashing of the injunction. These efforts took place over a period of weeks, and resulted in from 100 to 200 being mobilized in a picket line in front of the plant.

Sometimes the strike pickets would join. Other times under the directions of Ramsey, they would hold aloof from the non-striker pickets mobilized by the Unemployed Council and Communist Party.

THE A. F. of L. officialdom did everything possible to keep the officially recognized handful of ineffective pickets from becoming a part of the larger group brought down by the U. C. under slogans of "mass picketing," violation of the injunction," "close down the plant," etc. Even during this time, Ramsey pointed out leading Communists to the police as people who were not strikers—who were outsiders, etc. In these preliminary struggles the local C. P. organizer was arrested and chased off the picket line several times because of such actions.

Minister Led Booses

The employers, particularly Minister of the Auto-Lite Co. with the full support of the National Auto Chamber of Commerce, were determined to smash the strike, have nothing to do with the strikers and their union and to build a company union.

As weeks passed by the strikers were much more responsive to our slogans. In the week prior to May 21, we determined, in view of the growing disgust of the strikers for the methods of the A. F. of L. leaders, to initiate an intensive drive for mass picketing on Monday morning, May 21. Leaflets were issued, signs were made, meetings were organized. A trial of two comrades for violating the injunction was utilized to reach strikers in the court room. At this moment, the Mustetes also entered the situation through Budenz and Cope. In order to try and gain some influence, for a strategy to be later explained, they also raised the slogan for mass picketing for Monday.

The first big response came at the Monday afternoon shift when a couple of thousand gathered on the picket line and began to harass the scabs as they left and entered the plant. That night passed without any head-on collision, although it was clear the situation was becoming more tense. The next day, the crowd had nearly doubled. Thousands of strike sympathizers (the strikers themselves only numbered 600 to 700) began to gather in front of the plant and formed a solid mass picket line around the plant. The scabs were kept in the plant because of the mass picket line. Then, under the guidance of police and deputies they were released. The strikers and sympathizers began to make known their presence. The police and deputies charged, which resulted in the first real battle in which the workers didn't come out the worst. Over twenty company autos were wrecked. Hun-



The heroism of the Toledo workers was superb. They faced rifle fire and tear gas. (Left) A National Guardsman flinging a tear gas bomb at a Toledo picket line. (Right) A worker whose eyes have been torn out by an exploding tear gas bomb.

dreds of scabs were beaten up. All strikers arrested were freed from police clutches by the militant workers. In the course of this battle the first tear gas charge was made by the deputies from the Auto-Lite plant. All the traffic cops were rushed to the scene of battle. Throughout the battle two generals of the National Guard, sent as observers by Adj. Gen. Henderson, were onlookers.

Militancy of Workers Grows

Wednesday the mass picket line still grew. On Wednesday the police and deputies grew bolder and tried to disperse the militant, determined workers by wholesale throwing of tear gas bombs and shooting by deputy sheriffs from the windows of the plant. There also occurred the throwing of a barrage of iron nuts and bolts from the factory windows. One of these hit one of the woman pickets causing severe injury to her face. Around this issue there occurred great resentment which stirred up the fighting moods of the masses. The masses began to rush the factory, determined in their anger to clear out every scab and tear down the building, which symbolized their class enemy. From 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until 7 o'clock Thursday morning, when the National Guard arrived,

... After this melee, deputies were placed on guard at this sector, armed with sawed-off shotguns and ordered to shoot any intruders in the legs. ... A dangerous situation existed as darkness fell and the supply of tear gas ran low. Members of the mob became bolder and stormed at the doors of the plant, breaking down one gate. The shower of missiles was endless and the crowd gathered closer as darkness fell. A supply of tear gas taken into the plant by police after dark saved a dangerous situation and enabled them to beget to withstand repeated attacks from the enemy. ... The situation became tense. A shipment of tear gas received at the Transcontinental Airport at 8:30 p. m. was taken into the plant by the police. This arrived just as the mob was breaking into the employment office about 9 p. m. and was used to drive them back. There were fifteen cases in the shipment accompanied by additional pistols of various range. Workers were sent from the plant buildings into a courtyard and shortly afterward a steel gate was torn down near the employment offices. After the rioters were driven away by gas, a machine gun was mounted at the gate. ...

Troops Sent In

After the events of these 24 hours, the plant was closed down tight. This was because the masses continued to fight and the plant inside was in no condition to be run. Early Thursday morning federal companies of National Guards came in and under military escort released the scabs. It must be stated that as a result of the first days mass picketing many hundreds of workers never entered the plant Wednesday, so at most there was between 500 to 600 scabs in the plant by this time. The National Guard was later increased to nineteen companies. The following statement appeared in one edition of the Cleveland papers with reference to no mobilization of the Toledo National Guard:

"The local National Guard were not mobilized because military

An automobile headlight was fixed on the porch of a house and was used to pick out points on the factory walls at which missiles were aimed."

Brilliant Page in Labor History

The events of these 24 hours, the heroism of the Toledo workers and their class solidarity, determination and fighting ability is something which stands out as a brilliant page in the history of American labor battles. One must have been on the spot to really visualize it completely. The local Communists were active on the picket line and in these mass battles through all these days. Individual Communists together with previously unknown non-Party workers, jointly gave leadership wherever possible to this great unorganized mass. As these thousands, ranging at different times from 10,000 to 25,000, battled hour after hour, there was no real general staff.

THE Communists were there—active on all fronts, but not as a recognized leadership. Those A. F. of L. leaders like Ramsey, who did come to the battlefield, spent part of their time conversing with government officials of all brands. As late as Wednesday, May 23, Adj. Gen. Henderson, of the Ohio National Guard, stated that "Mr. Ramsey said that violence was not caused by the union but by radical elements that have inserted themselves into the strike." These were masses of workers in motion who were expressing their class solidarity with the striking Auto-Lite workers; who felt that a defeat for Auto-Lite workers meant worsening of their own conditions; for whom this Auto-Lite factory building with its hundreds of tear gas bombs also awakened dormant memories that were primarily responsible several years previously, through his withdrawals, for wrecking several Toledo banks and causing the loss of the last savings of thousands of Toledo workers.

Persistent Rumors with Some Basis of Fact

point to some fourteen National Guardsmen who refused to handle their guns and were locked up in the Armory.

Being the implications of such mass battles, every force of the bourgeoisie and its government began to be put into operation to crush the mass uprising which was already sweeping the town with the cry of "general strike." However, it was the A. F. L. leaders who were chosen to put over the real job of demobilizing the masses by:

1. Demobilizing the picket line of mass mobilization of the workers by the clever maneuver of stating, "We have scored a victory in closing down the plant. Therefore there is no more need of picketing the plant any more. If Mininger tries to bring in scabs, we will return." It is clear they were always against mass picketing. Under the policy of the leadership of the A. F. of L. leaders, the plant had been running. They ignored that the two smaller struck plants were still working. However, this was successful for the moment.

2. As dozens of unions began to formulate their own strike demands and go on record for a

general strike, the Central Labor Union officials decided, true to their role, that it was better to head the strike off at its birth in order to try and head it. So these leaders adopted a vague decision calling for consideration of a general strike to be decided at a special mass mobilization on June 1. They set up a Committee of 23 to consider and prepare for it.

Despite much agitation conducted by the Communist Party and Unemployment Council, to be described in another article, these maneuvers resulted in demoralizing the mass mobilization which was charged with such fighting energy and the general strike maneuvers fooled many workers.

In addition, Ramsey trimmed his sails to the occasion. He began using very radical phrases. He even stopped attacking Communism momentarily. This created a danger because it raised the prestige of Ramsey and made it easier for him to put over a sell-out later, as we already anticipated. In addition special arbitrators and international officials began to pour into Toledo by the dozen.

Added to the above, there were 31 arrested for violation of the injunction and of hundreds arrested over one hundred were held and charged with various "crimes." The Governor stepped into the situation, demanding conferences and ordering the plant closed (it had already been closed a week ago by the masses).

The Strike-Breaking Bishop

The majority of Auto-Lite strikers being Polish, the Catholic bishop was brought into the situation and full page extracts of his sermons were printed in all Toledo papers, endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, etc. In his speech appeared the following:

"No matter what one may think about the calling of the troops, the fact is that they are here and that they represent lawfully constituted authority. To them in the performance of their duty or to attack them in any way violates the law of God and the law of the land. Let no one condone such conduct. ... To my own people within the church, I solemnly declare such conduct is a grievous sin deserving of eternal reprobation. The quickest way to restore government to the civil authorities is to desist from any form of violence. For the rest let me urge my Catholic people and all my fellow citizens to stay out of the danger zone."

While all this propaganda and mobilization of the bourgeoisie and their henchmen had some effect in causing confusion, the mass sentiment continued for a general strike—the Auto-Lite strikers rejected various fraudulent settlements. The entire city was aflame with strike sentiment.

(The next article will deal with the "The Role and Activities of the Party")

AS ONE AIR-PILOT TO ANOTHER

BY A GROUP OF PILOTS AND MECHANICS

ON JULY 2, 1934, an important event will take place which, if successful, will mark a tremendous step forward in the history of the aviation labor movement.

On the initiative of the rank and file of the Buffalo Aircraft Union a national conference of all aviation workers' organizations will be held

on Monday, 10 a. m., July 2, 1934, at 244 Forest Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., to discuss and form, if possible, a National Aeronautical Union of all those groups present.

Calls for the conference have been sent to the following: Long Island Fields, Long Island City, Bridgeport, Conn.; St. Louis, Mo.; Santa Monica, Calif.; Hartford, Conn.; Seattle, Wash.; Norfolk, Va.; Baltimore, Md.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Detroit, Mich.; Cleveland, Ohio; Hagerstown, Md. Up to date several groups have responded favorably. We as a group also support this conference 100 per cent. The conditions of the aviation workers are well known. Unorganized and consequently unprotected, they have been subject to deplorable inadequate compensation for their labor. The employers, organized and powerful, have presented codes that are glaringly unfair because of the lack of organized mass resistance by the aircraft workers.

The aviation industry has been controlled and mismanaged by trustified corporations who primarily are concerned only with what could be gained financially from this important transportation and war manufacturing industry. Technical advancement in expert operation and the welfare and compensation of the skilled aviation workers who design, produce, maintain and fly all aircraft has not been considered.

Therefore there is obviously a desperate need for a National Aircraft Union to unite all existing individual workers' aircraft organizations into one solid industrial union in the aviation industry.

We as a group wish to submit the following nine proposals to all groups concerned, which we believe would be the only guarantee that the organization will not be controlled by racketeering officials.

(1) The purpose of the National Organization should be to unite all aircraft workers, both field and factory, employed and unemployed and aircraft students into one National Industrial Union; to improve and protect the economic and political interests of all aircraft workers.

(2) All employers and executives with the power to hire or fire should be ineligible for membership.

(3) No restrictions for membership should be made because of private or political beliefs, public

or otherwise, or discriminate against any member for any outside affiliations, race, creed, color or nationality.

(4) The organization should be divided into the following sections: Pilot Section, Office Workers Section, Industrial Section, Mechanics Section, Technicians Section, Students Section.

(5) Each section should be independent of the others, have its own Section Executive Committee, the representative of which should be on the Central Executive Committee of the union, for each one of them have their own specific problems and interests.

(6) Full democratic rank and file control with no paid officials. If paid officials or organizers are necessary, their salaries should not exceed the average wage of an aircraft worker.

(7) The initiation fees and dues should be very low.

(8) Immediate action should be taken against the Aircraft Codes.

(9) Unemployment and retirement insurance at the expense of the employers.

We sincerely believe if the above proposals are accepted then and only then will the organization be able to organize all aircraft pilots, mechanics, engineers, designers, students, office and industrial workers.

The need for this has been shown in the Hartford and Buffalo strikes when scabs were recruited from among the aviation students and mechanics on airports such as Roosevelt Field, Floyd Bennett, etc., which were unsuccessful because of the work of the Aircraftmen's Federation Local.

(To be continued)

(We urge all aircraft workers to write to this column concerning their experiences and conditions in the industry, also additional proposals concerning this conference.)



CONDUCTED BY
HELEN EVERS

THE UNITED COUNCILS OF WORKING WOMEN VS. WAR AND FASCISM

(NOTE: The following report on behalf of the Councils has been sent by Tillie Littinsky.)

As an affiliated organization of the American League Against War and Fascism, the United Councils of Working Class Women mapped out and followed up a plan of work which may be summed up thus:

(1) Set up an Anti-War and Anti-Fascism Committee of three or five in each Council.

(2) The Chairman of this Committee becomes a member of the executive, so that Anti-War and Anti-Fascism activity becomes a part of each meeting.

(3) Survey houses, blocks, markets—every place where we carried on struggles against high rents, high cost of living, etc., and on the basis of these struggles organize Anti-War and Anti-Fascism Committees.

(4) Pick out an individual plant—laundry, shop, etc.—where women work, and hold outdoor meetings in front of that plant, bringing up the Paris Congress and stressing the importance of women in the struggle against War and Fascism.

(5) Penetrate other women's organizations (churches, auxiliaries, charities, etc.), and bring the question of war danger, and the menace of fascism before them. See that they elect committees of two or three especially to handle this issue.

Work Already Done

Concretely, the recent meeting of our chairmen on June 4 brought out the following important inroads already made:

(1) Open-air meetings are being held, at which money is collected for our quota for the Paris Congress. (This quota is \$400 by the third week in June. The quotas for the various Councils range from \$5 to \$20.)

(2) Council 21 put through a mass meet at a public school, attended by 450 people, resulting in the formation of a neighborhood Committee Against War and Fascism.

(3) We are printing 20,000 leaflets in four languages, Spanish, Italian, Yiddish and English, in connection with the coming regional conference and the Paris Congress. Thousands of women will thus be reached.

In addition to this, on the "Free Thelmann" campaign, we have arranged for issuing a special leaflet and appeal for several hundred postcards to go to Nazi Germany in protest, and the posting of a delegation of women in front of the German consulate.

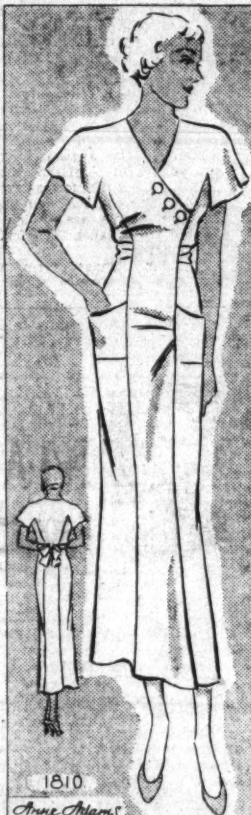
Our three big mass meetings (in Brownsville and the Bronx) brought the message of the great need of the struggle against War and Fascism before many hundreds of women. Our 53 Councils were instructed to attend the mass rally June 15 at Irving Plaza, with banners, etc.

Many contacted organizations have become active in the anti-war struggle. These contacted organizations will be kept on file and followed up for further activity.

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I. T. U. Officials In Plot Against Jobless Printers

Propose to Abolish Plan by Which Unemployed Obtain Work

By a Printer Worker Correspondent
NEW YORK.—The following lines attempt to give a little picture of the type of work the leaders of the New York Typographical Union No. 6 accomplish, in return for the salaries they draw from the membership.

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Union Officials Use Layoffs to Blacklist Most Militant Miners

District Head Backs the Superintendent and the Committee Against Locked Out Men

By a Worker Correspondent
FINLEYVILLE, Pa.—The unemployed situation is becoming more acute daily in the library section.

The Knott Hole mine employed 150 men in February and has laid off all but about 30 men. Most of those kept on are favorites of the superintendent and pit committee, and they only work two or three days each day. The check-off continues at the same rate.

The miners came out once against the discrimination being shown and the superintendent announced that the mine was shut down because he had no orders. Four days after the mine started again, and all reported for work, but found they had to be rehired as new employees. The men protested against this and the mine committee agreed to let all the latest employed go until the boss had enough men to operate the way he wanted to.

Incidentally, the pit committee, being all old employees, were assured of their jobs. The mine boss and committee went through the mine and the committee picked out the men to be laid off. About all that were laid off were militant fighting members of the union.

The union district official, self appointed Mr. Patton, upheld the committee and superintendent, and it told the men they could hire and

fire whom they pleased, and nothing could be done about it, and said not a word about the lockout of the miners for four days.

The situation at Montour No. 10 Pkg. Coal Co. is the same. It takes only a protest from some militant worker to have him fired and black-

listed. One of the blacklisted Negro miners living near Finleyville in a company house that is falling down has received notice to move, but the Unemployed Council is mobilized and ready to defend him, as we stopped them from taking the roof off the house he lives in and the house of another white miner, two weeks ago.

The unemployed have stood for all they intend to take on the chin, and stand ready to give some of it back with interest.

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The Steel Workers And Capitalist Democracy

A REMARKABLE lesson in the real meaning of capitalist democracy is now being enacted in the struggles taking place around the preparations for the steel strike.

About 500,000 steel workers want a little more money in their weekly pay envelopes to buy more food and clothes for their hungry and miserable families. They want some lessening of the killing drive that burns the men up in the mills. They want recognition of their union. That is all.

But against these steel workers fighting for bread and a better life swiftly lines up the whole brutal power of the capitalist dictatorship and its supporters.

The steel workers cannot meet—the steel trust thugs and state deputies break up meetings. The steel workers have no press, except the press of the revolutionary movement. The capitalist press in every city is pouring slander and poison upon the steel workers. The radio, controlled by the very same J. P. Morgan which controls the steel corporation, is a sluice of hatred and viciousness against the steel workers fighting for bread. The movies are all set to picture the "barbarism and riot" of the steel workers.

ROOSEVELT, the leading figure of the Federal government, tries to strangle the strike with his new bill. At the same time he has the troops ready to murder the steel workers, as they were murdered at Toledo and Minneapolis, "Frisco and New Orleans."

The State government warns against picketing and mobilizes its militia against the steel workers. The mayor of Pittsburgh, McNair, threatens all workers who picket with immediate arrest. The steel workers cannot congregate.

As for the big "democratic" parties, the Democratic Party is the party of Roosevelt, the strike-breaker, and Senator Wagner (Dem.), sponsors another strike-breaking trap in his new bill.

The Republican Party is the party of the Steel Trust with closest ties to the steel barons. Mellon, Schwab, and the rest are heavy contributors to the Republican Party.

And the Socialist Party does its bit to kill the steel strike by maintaining a cold silence on the militancy of the men, and the strike-breaking treachery of the A. F. of L. leadership. Little less than a year ago, Norman Thomas sang hymns of praise to William Green for his maneuvers around the steel code. Now William Green is called in to break the steel strike. And Thomas is silent.

CAPITALIST democracy is seen to be nothing but the cloak that conceals the fact that every capitalist government, no matter of what form or kind, is a dictatorship in the interests of the ruling class.

Literally, less than a score of rich Steel Trust magnates have the entire force of the State power mobilized behind them to protect their profits against the demands of more than half a million steel workers. A handful oppresses the vast majority under this "democratic" capitalist government.

All this mobilization of the Roosevelt government, the N.R.A. slave codes, the strike-breaking intervention of the government, the tie-up of the A. F. of L. officialdom with the capitalist State power—all this is the evidence of the steady march which the American ruling class is making toward open fascism.

Only under a proletarian dictatorship, where the working class owns the factories, the press, the meeting halls, and controls the entire government apparatus, can the workers have real democracy.

The steel workers can win against this line-up of interests defending the steel monopolies only if they weld their unbreakable unity in the mills. Unity and strike action can win the steel workers' demands. The fight against the Steel Trust becomes a fight against the Wall Street dictatorship for real working class democracy.

Can Such Creatures Be "Libelled"

A REPRESENTATIVE of the office of Tammany district attorney William Copeland Dodge appeared before the New York County Grand Jury the other day and demanded the indictment of C. A. Hathaway, editor, and Harry Raymond, staff writer, of the Daily Worker, on charges of criminal libel.

Promptly and obediently the 24 gentlemen on the Grand Jury acceded to the District Attorney's request and handed down the indictments.

Just what is the "crime" committed by Hathaway and Raymond?

It consists in Raymond's having written a series of articles in the Daily Worker exposing the strike-breaking activities of the Sherwood Detective Bureau. As editor of the Daily Worker and responsible for its contents, Hathaway is indicted with Raymond as an accomplice and abettor.

Who was "libelled" by the articles in the Daily Worker?

It was a notorious character named George William Sherwood, who has a long record of anti-working-class activities, including strike-breaking and thuggery against pickets.

Halled before Judge Bosasky in General Sessions Court on Tuesday, Hathaway and Raymond both pleaded not guilty and were released under \$500 bail pending trial. The comparatively small bail should not delude workers into thinking that this action of the city authorities can be taken lightly. The campaign of the Communist Party and the Unemployment Councils for relief has aroused the Mayor La Guardia to blood-thirsty incitement against these leaders of the unemployed. Clearly La Guardia is immune from libel suits when he

characterizes courageous leaders of the jobless as "yellow dogs," but in an action against the Daily Worker the city authorities join in defending the seamy "characters" of professional thugs and strike-breakers!

It is interesting to note that District Attorney Dodge was one of the few high Tammany officials placed in office during the last city election, and it is an open secret that the La Guardia forces did not actively oppose him as a result of a deal made with Tammany.

The workers must defeat this Tammany-La Guardia combination which plots to send Hathaway and Raymond to prison for long terms.

The Daily Worker, on its part, will continue to expose the murderous, strike-breaking activities not only of the professional agencies of the Sherwood type but of the city administration which not only does not expel them from its confines but ever jealously guards their unsavory reputations.

Support YCL Convention!

THE Young Communist League holds its Seventh National Convention on June 22 in New York City. The National Convention will bring together delegates from all parts of the fighting youth front. It will enable the youth to make clear plans for future work. It will be a step in building the youth movement. The convention will reveal a growing youth movement which has been a great aid in the general struggles of the working class. The Y. C. L. has taken an active part in many of the recent strike struggles, it has organized many militant actions of the youth in the Civilian Conservation Camps against forced labor conditions, military training, etc. The Y. C. L. has been an active force in building the mass resistance of the youth against imperialism. The large participation of youth in the historic U. S. Congress Against War, the mass anti-war parades on May 30 this year, the students' anti-war struggles, were made possible in the main through the active work of the Young Communists.

At present, American capitalism seeks a way out of the crisis through an aggressive program of war and fascism. For purposes of war and for its terrorism against the working class, the rulers of America strive to win the youth. The revolutionary movement in America, seeking a solution to the crisis in the interests of the working masses, cannot do so without winning the youth to its side. That is why the Communist Party at its Eighth National Convention and since has placed such great emphasis on building a mass Young Communist League.

The Y. C. L. in America has established its place as the only youth organization in America that has a program that points to a way out of the misery of the young generation. It is the only youth organization that steadily works to carry out that program in life. But the Y. C. L. is still a small organization. It must be built into a powerful force that will rally the masses of youth to destroy the system which strives to chain them to hunger, war and fascism. It must have the full support of every working-class organization, of all revolutionary workers.

At the moment support for the Y. C. L. must take the form of donations from workers' organizations and individuals to enable the revolutionary youth to meet the financial burdens of their convention.

Mail your contributions to the Y. C. L. National Office, P. O. Box 28, Station D, N. Y. C. New York workers' clubs and organizations are asked to make their donations now or at the mass opening rally on Friday, June 22, at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Central Committee, C. P., U. S. A.

The Thompson Report

THE capitalist press gingerly and in the greatest haste handled the statement of W. O. Thompson, member of the Darrow N. R. A. Review Board, who has just sent in his resignation to Roosevelt.

Throughout the land you will look in vain for any extended discussion of this extraordinary statement of a leading government expert, based on the findings of a government investigating commission.

The reason is simply that the Thompson statement is a blistering exposure of the Roosevelt N. R. A. as the tool of Wall Street monopoly and the wedge of advancing American fascism.

Here is the way an expert, appointed by the Roosevelt government to evaluate the N. R. A. on the basis of an impartial study of the facts, writes about the whole Roosevelt N. R. A. program:

"The trend of the National Recovery Administration has been and continues to be toward the encouragement and development of monopoly capitalism in the United States."

"Thus the N. R. A. clearly reflects its class character as an attempt of the capitalists to find a 'way out of the crisis' by passing the burdens onto the shoulders of the masses of workers and farmers. The N. R. A. reflects the inability of so-called 'enlightened capitalism' to operate a 'planned economy' to improve the living standards of the masses. ITS DEVELOPMENT DAY BY DAY REVEALS MORE CLEARLY A MARKED TREND TOWARD FASCISM IN THE UNITED STATES."

WAS not this the analysis which the Communist Party, basing itself on the Marxist-Leninist teachings of the Communist International, gave of the Roosevelt N. R. A. exactly one year ago?

Does not this confirm, with proof of triple-brass, the predictions and warnings of the Communist Party against the N. R. A.?

Whom has history proved to be correct? The Darrow and Thompson statements, and the bitter experience of the masses, have swept aside the Thomas and Green glorification of the N. R. A. as an infamous fraud perpetrated upon the masses to lull their vigilance against the assaults of the ruling class.

The Communist Party has been proved correct. It has been proved to be the truest and surest guide of the masses. Its line has been proved to be the only correct guide for the daily struggle for bread and higher wages.

WITH utter frankness, Thompson proclaims to Roosevelt that "only a change in class relationships . . . can eliminate poverty and raise the living standards of the entire population."

But it is only a proletarian revolution which can effect this "change in class relationships." Only the overthrow of capitalism and the setting up of the dictatorship of the proletariat, of a Soviet America can bring this change about.

It is, in other words, the revolutionary way out of the crisis, the way of the Communist Party, the way of Bolshevism, the way of Lenin, taken by the workers and peasants in the 1917 October Revolution, which can "end poverty" and the miseries of the present crisis.

Tries to Kill USSR Envoy To Finland

British Subject Shoots Soviet Employee in Embassy

MOSCOW, June 15 (By Radio).—An attempt at assassination of the Soviet Ambassador to Finland and employees of the Soviet Government was made in Helsinki yesterday at the Soviet Embassy here by a British subject, Herman William Brown.

On the morning of June 14 an unknown person entered the Embassy and demanded an audience with Ambassador Stein, or the responsible deputy. He was asked by a courier to state the aim of his visit. In reply, the unknown visitor fired two shots, one of which wounded the courier. The assailant then rushed into the apartment of the employees of the Embassy. Again he shot at employees who attempted to seize him.

The nature of the attack shows that the assailant intended to kill the Ambassador or other official representatives of the Soviet Union. The assailant, Herman William Brown, is a British subject who has recently settled in Helsinki.

The Embassy of the U. S. S. R. has made representations regarding the occurrence to the Finnish government.

Chicago C.P. Names Negro for Congress

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2739 W. Division St., 2552 W. Division St., 2134 W. Division St., 2322 W. Chicago Ave., 2457 W. Chicago Ave., 1815 W. Division St., 1632 Milwaukee Ave.

2739 Hirsch Blvd., 2338 W. Lake St., 4225 N. Kedzie Ave., 3080 W. Armitage Ave., 4112 W. Armitage Ave., 1145 N. Spaulding Ave., 1611 N. Artesian Ave., 526 W. Division St., 548 W. Wisconsin St., 2409 N. Halsted St., 3301 N. Clark St., 630 Addison St., Mansfield and Fullerton Sts., U. C. Headquarters, 412 E. 47th St., 1326 E. 55th St., 10 W. 47th St., 3847 S. State St., 2941 Wentworth St., 2642 Wentworth St., 3116 S. Halsted St., 2922 S. Michigan Blvd., Workers' School, 4003 Indiana Ave., Workers' Book Store, 1209 S. Karlov St., Liberty Hall, 1405 S. 49th Ave., Chicago, Ill.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 15.—Close to three hundred delegates are expected at the Nominating Convention of the Communist Party, District 15, which is being held Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17. These delegates will come from trade unions, language, youth and Negro organizations all over the state. Delegations of strikers are counted on to appear from New Britain and Bridgeport, where the revolutionary trade unions are now carrying on a determined fight for higher wages and better working conditions. Workers from shop nuclei in the war industries of Connecticut will also attend.

Saturday evening at 7 p. m. there will be an outdoor mass meeting at Main and Cannon Sts., Bridgeport, followed by a parade with banners and slogans to St. George's Hall, 398 State St., where the convention will be held.

Of special importance will be the appearance at the convention of Richard Farmer, former leader of the Socialist Party and Y. F. Murphy, National Secretary of the National Lumber Workers Union, who last week, declared himself disgusted with the reformism of the Socialist Party and who has joined the Communist Party as the only party of the working class. In all probability he will

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"On the Eve of the German Proletarian Revolution"

C. P. Issues Declaration On 15th Anniversary of Its Founding

By R. H.

THE Communist Party of Germany on the 15th Anniversary of the foundation of the Communist Party by Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht, has restated in its program for the salvation of the German working class that the only way out of the crisis is the seizure of power by the working class.

This program, a restatement of the program for the social and national liberation of the German working people issued by Comrade Ernst Thaelmann in September 1920, is the only way out of the crisis.

The Communists will confiscate all the mansions, houses and homes of the rich, forcibly dispossess the idlers from them and turn their dwelling, together with all their furniture over to the unemployed, and the workers living in miserable tenements today.

"They will confiscate all the government's and the big capitalists' supplies of food and articles necessary for life, turning them over to the unemployed and all those in need of them, and putting their distribution in the hands of unemployed committees."

"We shall open the universities and laboratories to the young workers and guarantee them an assured future."

"The program of the Communists is the program of revolution. There is no other Socialist program upon which the establishment of Socialist planned economy and the establishment of a classless society are possible. We Communists declare to the workers and all the toilers in town and country that we are determined to overthrow the Hitler dictatorship and to take over power at the head of the proletariat. The workers of Germany must decide to

"Don't Strike Brothers! Let's Arbitrate!"



Ella Bloor Speaks at Omaha Women's Meet

OMAHA, Neb., June 14.—A committee of 15 women was elected at a meeting called by the Omaha Branch of the American League Against War and Fascism, who will lead in the work of mobilizing women for the support of the July 1 Convention at Grand Island where a farm woman delegate will be chosen to go to the Women's International Anti-War Congress in Paris, France, to be held from July 28 to July 30.

Ella Reeve Bloor, veteran farm organizer, spoke on the war danger and on the conditions in Arkansas C. C. C. camps, where boys are dying like flies.

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"Negro Liberator" Speaks of Paper

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ruptibility could make these organizations into real fighting ones for the winning of Negro equality.

"Through the Urban League I became the assistant director of a Jim Crow Boys Club in Brooklyn where the white and Negro had always been together. It was the Urban League specifically that Jim Crowed the boys. I broke the Jim Crow rules deliberately. And organized the mothers and fathers of the neighborhood to demand that Negroes could go into the very fine Flatbush Boys Club (part of the Boys Clubs of America) just two blocks away."

"Due to this activity, and to the fact that I exposed the Urban League's efforts to reduce the relief of Negroes by making them take relief through the Urban League instead of the Procter Fund for home relief, and giving them just beans, spaghetti, etc. I was fired. But I had learned by lesson. I had learned while in their organizations that they were conscious misleaders. Consciously in the employ of the foundations which backed them, Rockefeller and Carnegie, etc."

"I then joined the Unemployed Councils, and later the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, as the only organizations which were honestly fighting for the Negro workers, both black and white."

"The importance of the Negro Liberator, which we are launching, is explanatory by my story. There are hundreds and thousands of Negroes who are in these misleaders' organizations because they believe that they can get equal rights through their organizations. They must be shown and proven the correct way out. The Negro Liberator can do this."

Merrill C. Work and Benjamin Davis, both Southern Negro workers, are to be in charge of the new Negro Liberator. Benjamin Davis defended Angelo Herndon, and is well known throughout the South. He is to assume the editorship. A banquet to greet him on his arrival from the South will be held at Lido Hall on Sunday, June 24. The conference this Saturday is to obtain the backing of Negro and white organizations in the building of the Negro Liberator. All organizations are urged to send delegates immediately to the conference and to the banquet.

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FOREIGN BRIEFS

CAIRO, June 15.—Police arrested 42 Communists yesterday following a search of over 100 homes. Communist literature was seized in the raids.

WARSAW, June 15.—Polish Minister of the Interior Bronislaw was shot in the head today by unknown assailants. His condition had not been reported when the attempted assassination was made known.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, June 15.—The Stewards Union, had this port completely tied up today as workers supported their strike for restoration of pay cuts.

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Women In Industries Fight War

Many Unions Support Congress Against War and Fascism

"You women make small metal novelty containers. A slight change in technical details, a slightly heavier metal—and you are making deadly bullets!" declared Rina Evans at the Metal Workers Industrial Conference last Monday. The conference passed a motion to elect a delegate to the City-Wide Conference on July 7, at which delegates will be elected to go to Paris, France, where the Women's International Anti-War Congress will be held from July 28 to July 30. The workers voted to intensify work in the shops for the organizing of a larger conference on June 28.

In this most important industry, women are now being trained in work that until the bosses admirably for slinging them right into war industries. Women are stirring; they are realizing that it is they who will make the bullets that will kill workers in the next war, which is rearing its ugly head now, in the handsome offices of the munition makers. Women will fight against war!

In the needle trades industries the women are working hard, too. A Needle Trades Industrial Conference was held June 16. Several hundred delegates were there from all departments in organized and unorganized shops. Plans were laid to raise funds to send a needle worker delegate to Paris. Work in the shops will be intensified for a broad representation of all workers at the July 7 City-Wide Conference, from A. F. of L. and from unorganized shops as well.

Many Meetings

Many open-air meetings have been and are being held in the fur and needle markets. As a result of this activity, a strong movement against war and fascism has been laid in the industry.

The Furniture Workers Industrial Union had a meeting where a strong committee was elected for the City-Wide Conference.

The Shoe Workers Industrial Union met, with 75 workers present, at which five delegates to the City-Wide Conference were chosen. There was enthusiastic support for the struggle against war and fascism pledged by the audience, and the workers adopted a resolution calling for the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann.

The Cafeteria Workers will hold a meeting June 23, at 4 W. 18th St. Conference in Harlem.

The Harlem Industrial Conference will convene on June 18 at Brown's Studio, 227 Lexington Ave., to which, all women in trade unions and shops are asked to send delegates.

The newly organized and very active Harlem Women's Committee is

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Fur Workers To Hold Meetings To Prepare For Nat'l Conference

NEW YORK.—The Fur Workers Industrial Union will hold a series of meetings for the purpose of discussing the National Fur Conference to be held on June 22, 23, 24. At these meetings delegates will be elected for the National Conference. Meetings will be held as follows: membership meeting, Tuesday, June 19, 5 p.m., at the Union Auditorium; Unemployed meeting, Wednesday, June 20, 2 p.m., Union Auditorium; Greek Fur Workers, Thursday, June 21, 5 p.m., Union Auditorium; Hungarian Fur Workers, Tuesday, June 19, 5 p.m., Union Office; Dog Skin Workers, Monday, June 18, 2 p.m., Union Auditorium, and Retailers, Monday, June 18, 5 p.m.; Fur Pointers will hold their meeting, Tuesday, June 19, at 5 p.m. at the Union Office.



A NEW YORK COP, rifle in hand, photographed on the scene of the Macaulay Co. strike two weeks ago. Macaulay and Police Commissioner O'Ryan have ordered police to resort to every brutality at their disposal in smothering struggles of militant workers and jobs.

Radio Unions in Conference for United Struggle Set Up Provisional Committee To Unite All in Trade

The Provisional Committee of Radio Workers called a conference Saturday to unite all radio workers, both organized and unorganized, to fight for increased wages, security of the jobs and to prohibit inhuman speed-up.

"The radio bosses are united in an association. Now all radio shops and radio unions are uniting," declared a member of the Provisional Committee, "the radio industry is paying miserably low wages to the workers and we must unite. Only unity of all workers can safeguard our interests."

Although radio unions and workers' organizations have made gains in local shops, this is not enough, he pointed out, saying that "the united action of all radio workers with the aid of all existing unions, can succeed immediately in improving conditions."

The following unions have already pledged their support in this action: Instrument Workers Union, Independent Radio and Metal Workers Union, Mechanics Educational Society of America, and the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union. The shops participating are: Aerovox Corp., DeWald Radio, De June Anaco, General Instrument, Insuline Corp., Pilot Radio, R.C.A. of Harrison, N. J. and Teleradio Eng. Corp.

Attitude of ILGW Leadership Towards Negro Workers in Words and Deeds

By ROSE WORTIS

Prior to the elections a few months ago the left wing exposed by innumerable facts in a leaflet the wholesale discrimination by the ILGWU against Negro workers in the shops and in the union. It exposed the fact that the Negro workers were receiving lower wages than the white workers, that the complaints of the Negro workers are not even given the same attention as those of the white workers, that in a union with a larger number of Negro members there was not a single Negro worker on any leading body. This forced the Lovestonites to include some Negro workers on their new executive board.

The Lovestonites, the lickspittles of the reactionary machine, came out with the most vicious attack on the left wing for bringing these problems of the Negroes in the industry to the attention of the workers. In leaflets full of the most vicious slander, they accused the left wing of encouraging Hitlerite race prejudice among the workers, and other similar accusations.

The recent convention of the I.L.G.W.U. held in Chicago exposed even more glaringly the attitude of these reformist leaders including the Lovestonites toward the Negro workers. The dressmakers' Joint Board was entitled to a representation of 60 delegates to the conven-

Arrests Fail to Halt Pickets in Jersey Strike

Right To Picket in Strikes Demanded By F.W.I.U.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Pressing his organization's inter-state dispute with Brooklyn furniture manufacturers who allegedly removed their plants to Jersey City in order to evade dealing with the union, Abraham Zide, treasurer of the New York local of the Furniture Workers Industrial Union, announced that picketing would continue in front of the Miller Parlor Furniture Company in Jersey City despite the arrest of two pickets. The pickets, Marie Klein, 2800 Bronx Park East, and Goldie Parlow, 3585 Broadway, Astoria, were seized yesterday and were later released in bail of \$350 each.

At the same time Zide, on behalf of his union, and the New Jersey Committee for Workers Rights, with headquarters in Newark, issued a joint invitation to Mayor Frank Hague, Police Commissioner Wolf and Chief of Police Casey of Jersey City to observe in person the picketing of the Miller plant where many arrests occurred.

Zide explained that the invitation is an effort to convince Jersey City officials that the union is within its rights. The invitation addressed to the three officials said in part: "This invitation is frankly intended as a challenge to your consistent policy of prohibiting peaceful picketing and your failure to accept the invitation will be regarded as a denial not only of the rights of our union members but also of the rights of all organized labor in Jersey City as guaranteed by both the National and the New Jersey state Recovery Acts."

A. J. Isersman, the union's Newark attorney, declared that he intended to file for an order enjoining further arrests. Eight arrests have been made since the Miller plant was moved from Brooklyn to Jersey City.

Furriers Demonstrate Against Overtime Work

The fur workers, under the leadership of the Fur Workers Industrial Union held a very successful demonstration against overtime work in the fur market on Saturday, June 16th. The Joint Council with their henchmen did not dare to come out in the market because they have been very unsuccessful in their past attempts. The Fur Workers Industrial Union calls upon all fur workers to participate in the struggles for union conditions against the fur manufacturers and their agents—the scab Joint Council.



JOSEPH P. RYAN, president of the International Longshoremen's Association. He's out on the west coast now trying hard to betray a strike of over 12,000 stevedores.

Open Health Clinic For Seamen at N.Y. Marine Union Hall Medical Advice Given Every Thursday at 140 Broad St.

By DOCTOR TANNENBAUM
The Seamen's Health Bureau, opened over one week ago at the headquarters of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, has already succeeded in obtaining better conditions and an allowance for a special diet for M. Ramos, sick unemployed seaman.

Ramos had "stomach trouble" for a long time, but in the past few months he seemed to be getting worse. He finally went to the clinic at the Marine Hospital, where X-ray pictures were taken. He was told that he had an ulcer of the stomach, and was given instructions for a diet. But the doctors did not explain how he could buy the special foods, mainly milk, cream, eggs, and other expensive articles, with the 25 cents a day allowed by the Transient Relief Commission.

That was the problem he presented when he answered the invitation of the Seamen's Health Bureau to the sailors and longshoremen to come up for advice about their health. But a letter from the W.I.R. doctor, and a delegation from the union to the Federal Transient Relief Commission won Ramos an increase in relief and the means to follow out his diet. He is feeling better already.

The Seamen's Health Bureau is operated jointly by the Medical Unit of the W.I.R. and the Marine Workers Industrial Union. It is open every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 140 Broad St. All sailors and longshoremen, regardless of union affiliation, may apply there, without cost, for advice about their health.

Strikes in Marine on Upswing

Walkouts in Support of West Coast Dock Workers Gain in N.Y.

By H. BAKTER

The shipowners, fearing mass action of the seamen and longshoremen in the North Atlantic, are using every means possible to prevent struggles of the marine workers. Some of the recent struggles here in New York, led by the Marine Workers Industrial Union in the past few weeks, show the willingness of the marine workers to struggle and the shipowners busy attempting to head and kill these struggles before they developed on a larger scale.

Despite these attacks of the shipowners, successful actions were developed and concessions won.

On an English ship, the S. S. Gypsum Prince, the crew struck on May First for an increase in wages and better working conditions. The police came aboard and put the crew off the ship. After four days, the shipowners succeeded in getting scabs aboard to take the ship out.

This struggle forced the Gypsum company to grant a \$5 wage increase in the entire company.

On the Mexican Line

Mr. Munson, the notorious wage robber, saw a chance to make a clean up when the fleet came in. The S.S. Western Fleet took around 1,500 passengers at \$10 a head to review the fleet. The crew were to be given \$2 each for the trip—two days work—\$1 per day. The union got in touch with the crew and worked out demands and a plan of action to present Mr. Munson the next morning when the ship was ready to sail. Next morning the docks were surrounded by a bunch of fistfists and cops (the shipowners always have money for cops). The crew presented their demands and were granted \$4 for the trip which was a hundred per cent wage increase. Mr. Munson was given the works at a critical time.

The recent strike of the crew of the S.S. Texan in support of the West Coast strike has thoroughly exposed the U. S. shipping commissioner as a strike-breaker. Police armed with rifles and tommy guns drove the crew off the ship. Scabs were herded aboard the ship by the same guns. The U. S. shipping commissioner, a representative of the government, claimed the crew as "deserters" and refused to pay them their wages due, using this in an attempt to stop crews of other intercoastal ships from taking strike action in support of the West Coast.

Under False Colors
A ship flying a Panamanian flag with a Greek crew aboard came into port. The crew had not received any wages for approximately seven months and were living on a diet of beans. The captain promised to shoot any one that dared go ashore. However, some of the crew succeeded in getting away. Upon investigation, this ship was found to be illegally registered and in fact had no flag at all. The

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Settlement Announced By Knitgoods Workers

The Knitgoods Workers Industrial Union announces the settlement with the Triangle Sportwear of 115 W. 29th St., which was formerly Kadison Knitting Mills, located at 587 Hendrix St., Brooklyn.

The Triangle Sportwear tried to hide out from the Industrial Union and had settled with the United Textile Union, in order to install longer hours and less wages. But due to the energetic stand taken by the Industrial Union, workers are going back to work on the previous union conditions.

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Must Fight for Rank And File Leadership In Painters Union

Membership Must Mobilize Forces to Elect Men Who Are Fighters for Welfare of the Painters

By LEO MARTINS

Why is it, that after the great "organizing campaign" carried through by the Zausner administration recently (spending \$160,000) the bulk of the alteration trade, involving the big sources of painting work, remains unorganized?

Why is it, that today after Zausner's "organizing," the rank and file painters are forced to work in organized shops (if they are lucky to get a job) at any price, from \$6 down? Why is it, that today most of our union men cannot get a union job unless they are "good boys" and come across with the "kick back"? Why is it, that as a result of all this "organizing" we now have a strengthened and more powerful Master Painters' Association, which now has affiliated to it 108 employers of Washington Heights, and this act is being cheered and lauded by our administration as a gain for the union? These are vital questions that every painter must ask himself today, facing the coming elections.

What is it that makes our union so weak and powerless when it comes to protecting our men on the jobs? What is it that renders us so helpless when it comes to the securing of an agreement with the bosses that would serve the interest of the painters? What is it that prevents our union from inaugurating a system of dues exemption for the unemployed, and thereby help our members to remain union men? What is it that breeds gangsterism, frame-ups and wholesale discrimination against the rank and file membership?

The answer to these questions can be found in one general conclusion—our union is in the hands of an unprincipled, incapable and corrupt leadership which does not

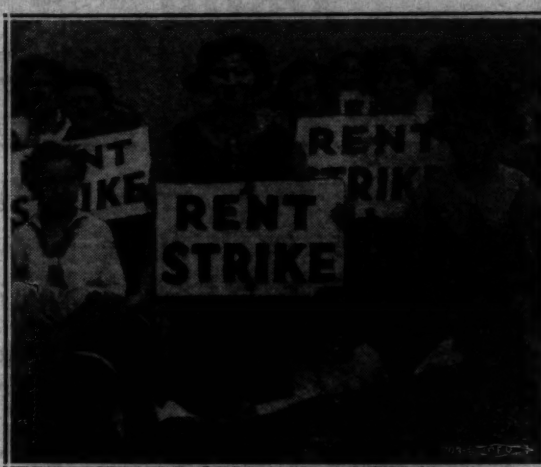
represent the will and interest of the membership.

Fraudulent Administration

The present D. C. administration, with Zausner at its head, has proven to be completely fraudulent, and interested in nothing else but extortion and robbing the members through illegal taxations. Their main object in our organization is a source of "easy money" for themselves, and to prevent our union from saving the interest of its membership.

The present agreement with the Master Painters' Association, which is nothing but a scrap of paper as far as the interest of the painters is concerned, expired a few months ago. Through the initiative of the opposition, rank and file men in our union, some vital demands were sent to D. C. 9 to be put before the bosses as a basis for the new agreement. What were these demands?—six hour day—\$1.50 per hour, five day week, no overtime, the right to the job, elected shop and job committees, unemployment fund, paid by the bosses. These demands were officially endorsed by three local unions and presented to the Council in the form of a resolution. According to the constitution it is mandatory upon the D. C. to send this resolution out for a referendum vote to all locals. But Zausner, as a true friend of the bosses, and in violation of the constitution, refused to send this referendum out. Instead he sent out a shameful document calling for another taxation of the men on the jobs. But the membership gave their answer to this by voting it down completely.

At this time Zausner and the bosses have postponed the framing of a new agreement until after the elections, at which time, as they



TENANTS' STRIKE: This is a scene at a recent rent strike in New York. Many tenements are organized, and when a jobless family is evicted or an attempt is made to raise rents, all the tenants go on strike.

plan, it will be easier to put over a sell-out agreement.

Now, what should be our objective in this coming election? We see to what calibre men is entrusted the destiny of our organization. We see that so long as we allow this vicious system of gang rule, of cliques and self-seekers to be perpetuated in our union, our organization will be driven further and further to complete ruin and chaos, become nothing but a tool of the bosses, wiping out every right of the members. The immediate objective of the painters must therefore be: a strengthened and continuous fight to establish a new leadership in the locals and in D. C. 9. We need a rank and file administration, responsible to the membership and bound to carry out its wishes. We need men in the leadership of our union who have the capacity, honesty and courage to wipe out the policies of "belly crawling" before the bosses, and the reign of gangsterism, extortions, secret dealings, frame-ups and clique favoritism.

The membership must mobilize all its forces at this time to elect those men to leadership who have proven in their every-day actions that they are fighters for the wel-

fare of the membership at large.

With an honest, capable and militant administration we can dictate terms to the bosses. We can secure an agreement that will benefit the broad membership. We can throw ourselves into a real organizing campaign, enrolling the membership and bring into our union the unorganized shops. We can secure wages and hours and human conditions for our men at work, without favoritism and discrimination. We can secure more employment and gain some security in time of unemployment, through the force of our union. We can establish trade-union democracy and a healthy brotherly co-operation of all the membership for the welfare of the union. That is what a rank and file administration can do. In this election, mobilize all your forces to elect such an administration.

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Novelty Workers Hold Unity Meet At End of Week

Five Unions Endorse Plan To Unite in Common Struggle

Tens of thousands of novelty and toy workers in New York are working under miserable conditions. Low wages, piece work, no protection of their jobs, and unemployment exists in all branches of the novelty trades and in all shops.

The Provisional Committee for United Action in the Novelty and Toy Industries, which represents a number of unions, is calling a Novelty and Toy Workers Unity Conference on Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m. at Irving Plaza, where plans for united action will be made to fight for higher wages, shorter hours and union conditions.

"As things are today," a worker stated, "there are a number of organizations in the field and none of them is strong enough to fight the bosses, alone. If all the unions and shops get together, they can put a stop to these rotten conditions and they will be able to force a living wage for all novelty workers."

The basis of representation for the conference is: five delegates from each novelty or toy union; two delegates from each shop or shop group where the shop is not fully organized, and individual workers from unorganized shops may attend and thereby connect their shops with the work of the conference.

The unions participating are: Independent Celluloid, Catalin and Galth Workers Union; Independent Smoking Pipemakers Union; Novelty Workers Section of the Metal Workers Industrial Union; Novelty Mirror Workers Union and Novelty Leather Goods Workers Union.

The Provisional Committee for United Action of Novelty and Toy Workers which has offices at 820 Broadway, calls on novelty workers in all branches of this industry to come to the Conference so that a strong organization of all workers may be planned and put in action in the shortest possible time.

Hotel, Restaurant Rank and File to Offer Fighting Program

Will Present Demands at National Confab in Minneapolis

By WILLIAM ALBERTSON

The place is Minneapolis, Minnesota. The time is Aug. 13, 1934. The occasion is the 27th Convention of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Beverage Dispensers International Alliance of the American Federation of Labor. The principle actors are Edward Flore, International President; John J. Kearney, Sixth International Vice-President who is out for Flore's job; Paul Coulcher, secretary of Local 16 of New York, who is out for William Lehman's job as Third International Vice-President; and Charles E. Sands, the International Representative to the N. R. A. in Washington, D. C., who also aspires to be one of the eight International Vice-Presidents.

At this Convention there will be speeches about wages and conditions. Oh, yes! These misleaders of labor must say something about the rank and file workers, they must give the impression that they have the interests of the workers at heart. But they have made speeches before. And when it came to action—that's a different story. Paul Coulcher is "always" in favor of better conditions, but during the New York General strike he took out an injunction against the Amalgamated Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union. Flore is "also for better conditions." But last year he signed an agreement with the Willow and Stewart Cafeteria chain systems in which he agreed that no strike would take place and gave the bosses the right to hire and fire. Charles Sands, the International representative to the N. R. A., last month pulled a strike of waiters in one of the Washington hotels. At the same time he officially allowed the hotel management "to borrow" waiters from an-

other hotel to work in the struck establishment.

Rank and File On Hand

But there will be some delegates—rank and file cooks and waiters—where the local memberships have succeeded in defeating the corrupt machine, who will raise some very important questions which will be embarrassing to the officials. Among these questions will be:

In the "Catering Industry Employee" of March, 1934, official organ of the A. F. of L. Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Beverage Dispensers International Alliance, the editor states: "There is one thing sure that you will hear more of and through President Flore, that is 'The Judas Iscariot' action of a dual organization that we have always been very considerate of, who apparently sold their souls and conscience for a 'mere small mess of temporary prestige.' (My emphasis.—W. A.) President Flore will expose their miserable position at an early date. We do not have any reference here to the Amalgamated Food Workers, with whom we have no quarrel" (except that the officials of A. F. of L. Local 16 took out an injunction against them).

Hypocrisy of Leaders

In the same issue on a different page we find another reference to the same organization, written by Flore himself: "This historical review (restaurant code) would be incomplete if we failed to make note of an incident that happened in New York City during the course of our negotiations in Washington, that all but kicked the props from under us and which in a large way is responsible for the establishment of the low standard of wage fixed in the code and the 54-hour week. While we were battling for the shorter work week (?) and the higher standard of wage (?) in Washington, a group of sinister organizations of hotel and restaurant workers—sometimes called social or fraternal organizations of workers, threw a smoke-screen around their

individual set-up or organization and formed what is known as the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Guild and for a pound of flesh, sold out the workers for job control. This poisonous reptile whose fang reached out to Washington, did its deadly work and for that the restaurant and hotel workers of the United States have much to grieve over." (My emphasis.—W. A.)

These are the words of President Flore. What was his action? Two weeks ago in New York City a conference took place between Flore and Kearney for the A. F. of L. and the leaders of the Company Union organizations. It was decided that these organizations should take out charters from the A. F. of L. as separate local unions on the basis of paying a per capita tax of 75 cents a month per member, and \$1.25 for each initiation fee to the International. The officials agreed to this because "Both organizations are opposed to strikes!" The "poisonous reptile," the "Judas Iscariot," the Company Union which "sold out the workers" now becomes an angel in disguise because there "is gold in them thar hills," and especially because the Company Union has been exposed in the eyes of the workers. The bosses hope that by placing an A. F. of L. mask on the face of this organization, the workers will again be fooled into submission.

Running a Racket

The same deal was pulled in Chicago in connection with the World's Fair. There it was agreed—with the bosses also—that no cook or waiter of the A. F. of L. can work with a chef or headwaiter unless the latter is a member of one of the fraternal societies affiliated with the Company Union. At the same time, these societies take out charters in the A. F. of L., and only A. F. of L. members will be allowed to work at the fair. But in order to become a member, one will have to pay \$35 initiation and from \$2 to \$4 a month dues, not counting the special as-

sessments, taxes, etc. Meanwhile with a no-strike gentlemen's agreement, the bosses will pay what they want and will decide on what conditions the workers will have. And, of course, after one pays the \$35 initiation fee, and if he does get a job, he is not guaranteed that he will keep the job.

We agree with Flore when he says that the Guild (Company Union) sold out the workers. We also agree that Flore and his henchmen are also selling out the workers for the same reason that the Company Union did. It is only natural that the A. F. of L. and the Company Union should now become married.

A Fighting Program

Against all these betrayals of the workers—which will be called victories by the officials at the Convention—whatever rank and file delegates will be there will fight for the following program of action—a program which, if carried out in the local unions over the head of the official international and local machines will really establish better conditions for the workers in the catering trades:

1. Against the raising of the per capita tax or the levying of any International assessment on the locals or the membership. For a substantial reduction in the present dues and taxes. For a reduction of the salaries of the International officials.

No Dues From Jobless

2. To exempt the unemployed membership from dues payments during their period of unemployment. The International to exempt the locals from paying per capita tax for the unemployed, who will be exempted from dues payments. The immediate reinstatement at no cost of all members suspended or expelled for non-payment of dues due to unemployment. Unemployed members exempted from payment of dues to have the same rights and privileges as all local members.

3. To endorse and fight for the enactment of the Workers Unem-

Hypocrisy and Rackets of Leaders Will Be Exposed at Meet

ployment and Social Insurance Bill (H. R. 7698) which has already been endorsed by hundreds of A. F. of L. Local Unions, Central Trades and Labor Councils, and State Federation of Labor.

Unity Of All Unions

4. For unity of all the unions in the field on the basis of conducting an intensive organization drive to include the unskilled workers for the purpose of gaining higher wages, shorter hours, better conditions on the job, elimination of employment agencies and other abuses in the industry, and for security of the job through Union recognition.

5. The immediate withdrawal of all Local and International Officials from the various N. R. A. Boards which have proved to be strike-breaking agencies and against the interests of the workers (New York—Pittsburgh Hotel Strikes).

6. To organize a struggle against all "invisible" and open racketeering influences and persons throughout the International Union. To fight for a Union run by and for the rank and file membership. (To Be Concluded Next Monday)

Praises Exposure of Tuvim in Trade Union Section of the 'Daily'

Your article of May 28 about Socialist Tuvim: The clipping went the round of the cutters and girls, and everyone made some comment regarding it. It got to Tuvim's ears, for immediately on his arrival from Chicago he sought out the cutters who were responsible for spreading the article around and he reprimanded them.

Trade Union Directory

MARINE WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION
Wednesday—Regular Business Meeting.
Note:—Formerly an educational meeting was held every other Wednesday, but the present situation demands weekly business meetings.

Thursday—Open air meeting at evening.
Friday, 4 p.m.—Waterfront Unemployment Council Business Meeting.
Sunday—Port Organizational Committee of Union meets at 11 p.m.; 3 p.m. Sunday, Open Forum.

MEETINGS OF UNITED SHOE AND LEATHER WORKERS UNION
Shoe Trade Board meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m.
Shoe Grievance and Membership Committee meets every Monday at 4 p.m.
Shopper Grievance Membership Committee meets every Thursday at 6 p.m.
Shutdown Trade Board meets every Monday at 6 p.m.
Shoe Repair Trade Board meets every Monday at 6 p.m.
Executive Board meets every Thursday at 6 p.m.
Joint Council meets every second Friday of the month at 7 p.m.
All meetings are held at the headquarters of the union, 23 W. 15th St.

BROTHERHOOD OF PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPERHANGERS OF AMERICA

Local Union 261, every Friday, at 210 E. 104th St., N.Y.C.
Local Union 469, every Wednesday, at Labor Temple, 84th St. and 2nd Ave., N.Y.C.
Local Union 848, every Monday at Labor Temple, 84th St. and 2nd Ave., N.Y.C.
Local Union 892, every Monday, at 216 E. 59th St., N.Y.C.
Local Union 905, every Friday, at Hunts Point Palace, Bronx, N.Y.C.
Local Union 1011, every Friday, at 100 E. 118th St., N.Y.C.

Painters Rank and File Protective Association meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Labor Temple, 84th St. and Second Ave., Room 7.
In the above locals there are organized groups of the Painters' Rank and File Protective Association.

TAXI DRIVERS UNION OF GREATER NEW YORK

Headquarters, 80 W. 45th St.: Shop Chairmen meet Monday; Active members meet Wednesday; Shop Chairmen's Executive Committee meets Friday. All meetings will be held in the evening at the headquarters of the union.

JOIN THE SHOE WORKERS' CENTER
in your neighborhood

Brownsville—Meets every Wednesday at 127 Hopkinson Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Brooklyn—Meets every Wednesday at 1532 Boston Road, Bronx, N.Y.

SHOE REPAIRERS MEET

Every first and third Monday, 9 p.m., at Union Hall, 23 W. 15th St.
Brooklyn Section Meets—Every Wednesday (after work) at 1570 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn.

Brooklyn Section Meets—Every Monday (after work) at 1532 Boston Road.
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Protection Department

This department is composed of big disciplined men with military or police experience, for the protection of life and property.

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Our investigation department is international in scope and embraces all branches. The personnel is composed of men and female operatives of the highest caliber.

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THE FRONT PAGE of a pamphlet put out by a strikebreaking detective service in New York which is recruiting gunmen for the steel bosses. It gives an idea of the forces allied against the workers in their struggles.

NAZIS WON'T USE COPPER

B E R L I N—Copper may no longer be used for the outer layer of non-insulated electric wire it was announced today. The shortage of primary materials due to the embargo was blamed.

BIGGER BRAZILIAN NAVY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—Nine destroyers will be purchased under a decree signed yesterday.

The Attitude of ILGWU Leaders Towards Negroes

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was just to save the faces of the Lovestonites.

Jim Crowed in Chicago

The convention of the International was held in Chicago in the aristocratic Jim Crow Medina Club. During the first week of the convention all the Negro delegates were not permitted to go up in the same elevator with the other delegates. They were sent to the service elevator, where very often they had to wait for hours before they would be taken up to the hall.

Forced to Move.

On Friday, the fifth day of the convention, the Negro delegates were forced to move from the hotel. Esther Schweitzer and a number of other delegates moved together with them in protest. The convention continued in the same hall, from which the Negro delegates have been ejected. Again on the following morning Esther Schweitzer rose to demand the moving of the convention. Dubinsky forced her to sit down. The Lovestonites again did not come to her support.

The situation became so scandalous, the few rank and file delegates in the balcony were burning with indignation. On the following Monday the machine was finally forced to move the convention.

The Lovestonites who so bitterly resented the leaflet of the Industrial Union about their failure to fight for the rights of the Negro workers, did not utter a word of protest against this condescending superior attitude toward the Negro workers. Throughout all the discussion and all the bouquets that were supposedly thrown at the Negro workers there was no attempt to understand the problems of the Negro workers in the industry or to solve them. Despite the discrimination that was going on under the very nose of the convention by Jim Crowing the Negro delegates, not a single word gave recognition to the fact that there is such a thing as a Negro problem that is different from the problem of the white workers.

If there is any proof needed to substantiate the charge of the Left Wing with regard to the attitude of the I.L.G.W.U. officialdom, including the Lovestonites, toward the Negro workers, their so-called jubilee convention was the best proof.

Must Fight Vigorously

However, the left wing and militant workers cannot merely content themselves by exposing the right wing and the Lovestonites with regard to the problem of the Negro workers. The left wing until now, though raising the problem of Negro workers, has not fought with sufficient vigor against the discriminatory practices in the shops, has not done sufficient work to explain the Negro question as a national question to the mass of workers, and has not carried on a persistent enough struggle against white chauvinism that still exists and is encouraged not only by the bosses but by the reformist bureaucracy.

This convention has brought more sharply to the left wing and militant elements of the union the importance of taking up a real struggle in defense of the day to day interests of the Negro workers in the shops and for the right of the Negro workers to participate in the leadership and in all the affairs of the union on an equal footing with the white workers. In fact, the left wing must exert special efforts to draw the Negro workers into the left wing, into the shop committees and other leading bodies. In developing this struggle the left wing will line up the thousands of Negro workers, still the most exploited section of the workers in the trade, in support of the left wing program so that the Negro workers will join hands with the white workers in fighting against the misleadership of the reformists of the I.L.G.W.U. and for a policy of struggle for better conditions and against all reformist ideas inculcated in the minds of the workers by the reformist leaders and the bosses.

The financial resources of the union cannot hope to outbalance the police power of arrest, which is at the boss' disposal. Arrests of workers are increasing every day. The trade unions cannot depend upon legal defense alone. They must join in the struggle with other workers in the fight for workers rights. The program of the International Labor Defense must become the program of militant defense activity of the trade union. The two cannot be separated. Destroy all illusions of formal legalism. The International Labor Defense fights on the basis of a broad mass defense of all workers, poor farmers, Negro masses, and sympathetic bourgeois elements. Legalism is secondary to this first and foremost necessity.

In the preparation of strikes act

The left wing must show in deeds, not in words alone, that it is not only able to fight the wrong policies of the officialdom, but that it is doing everything in its power to correct and eradicate these evils.

Fight Against Company Unions Adds 3,000 New Names to Taxi Union

By EDWIN ROLFE

The fight against company unions conducted by means of open air meetings in front of garages added 3,000 new names to the files of the Taxi Drivers Union in the past week. An open air meeting held at Arthur's garage on Friday, June 15, was broken up by the police.

The hackies have postponed their conference called for June 17. Meanwhile, the hackies are building their organization by concentrating on garage work. The setting up of garage committees and organizations is taking place in preparation for future events.

Labor Defense To Celebrate Ninth Birthday June 29

Trade Unions To Greet Organization Which Aids Struggles

An event of the utmost importance to all trade union members in New York will be the celebration of the Ninth Anniversary of the International Labor Defense at Manhattan Lyceum on Friday, June 29th.

The program of the I. L. D. is that of defense of democratic rights of the broad masses of workers against every encroachment on the rights now granted them by bourgeois democracy and for the extension of these rights to full working class democracy.

It fights for the rights of workers and for the right and equality of the Negro people, against Jim Crowism, discrimination, and segregation. It fights for the right to organize, to strike, to picket, against injunctions and for the right of free speech, and assembly and freedom of the press. It demands the enforcement of the Constitutional guarantees for the fulfillment of the Bill of Rights and of the 13, 14 and 15 Amendments to the Constitution.

It becomes increasingly clear as each day goes by that the coordination of the work of the trade union and the program of the International Labor Defense is of paramount importance to the struggle for the right to organize, to strike, to picket, and to fight against injunctions.

We do not have to go into the mechanics of a strike to understand that when a worker is beaten or arrested on a framed up charge, the chances of winning the strike are directly affected.

A lawyer is retained to fight the case. The workers involved in the strike pin their faith and hope on the talent and ability of this attorney to have the case dismissed. The lawyer is getting a good fee and the workers are told by their misleaders to rely on his adroit handling of legal technicalities. This is the way of reformism, class collaboration and betrayal.

If we examine a bit closer we can discover the uselessness and ineffectuality of legalistic methods. Here is one man—a lawyer—attempting to argue legalism with a Judge who represents the interests of the bosses against the workers and can only hand down decisions calculated to prevent the fight for workers rights. The lawyer, in such a case acts as a barrier to struggle and gags the workers. In this way he definitely becomes a part of the scheme of class collaboration and only tends to serve the interests of the bosses.

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With the Trade Union Papers

By EDWIN ROLFE

RIGHT now, when the LaGuardia administration in New York City is trying by every shady way in its power to put over the seven-cent fare, the publication of the Transport Workers' Bulletin, mentioned in this column last Monday, becomes an event of immediate importance.

For this paper, while primarily concerned with the conditions of the transport workers themselves, those organized in the Transport Workers' Union of Greater New York, as well as those who are unorganized or belong to other organizations, is actually occupied with one of the major struggles facing the masses of this city today. Recent events have showed that LaGuardia is out to raise the fares on subway, elevated, street-car and bus lines, and that he will stop at nothing to do so. At present the two-cent tax on all city transportation lines is being pushed by the Mayor and his Fusion cohorts as a demagogic method of making the subway riders pay for the relief of the unemployed.

Now, these subway riders are the workers themselves, in all trades and industries, who must travel to and from work on the many car and subway lines. They are the unemployed, who must use the city's transportation system if they want to go out to look for jobs. The issue of the seven-cent fare, then, becomes one of the most important local political struggles today.

The Transport Workers' Bulletin, whose present issue tells of the millions of dollars of profits amassed by the I. R. T., B. M. T., etc., should be an important factor in the struggle of the workers of New York against the fare rise. For it stands to reason that a higher fare will not benefit the workers; it will go out, as in the past, in the form of higher dividends to the wealthy stockholders. The lot of the transport workers, already pretty miserable, will be forced lower.

If, then, this little six-page folder-paper succeeds in awakening the majority of New York transport workers, not only for bettering their own conditions, as it is now doing, but also to the necessity of forging a mass militant resistance of the subway riders, the unemployed and the transport workers combined against the fare rise, it will assume A-1 importance in the present struggles against the Wall Street-controlled Fusion administration in this city.

The needle trades workers, almost all of whom are vitally interested in what the Transport Workers' Bulletin has to say, are right now enthusiastically reading their own Weekly Needle Worker, the fourth issue of which, published by the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, is now on sale at three cents a copy.

This paper, printed in English, Yiddish and Italian, has showed a marked improvement in the short space of a month. Not only does it deal with its own specific trade problems, but with major political problems which face the entire working class. The issue of June 18 (Vol. 1, No. 4) speaks of the increased number of strikes in the needle trades, announces that the "Furriers Are Set for National Conference" describes the vicious slave conditions under which Chinese dressmakers in San Francisco are forced to work. It also comments at length on the activities of the industrial union in the campaign to free Ernst Thaelmann. The Needle Trade Worker is well worth buying and reading by every worker who is interested in the struggles in this major New York industry.

Going outside of New York City for the moment, we find The Leather Worker, published by the Independent Leather Workers' Union of Fulton County. This is an independent union, in which a major victory has recently been scored in the defeat of the "Red" scare. The paper fights for the improvement of conditions among the glove workers in the county, in such towns as Gloversville, Johnstown, etc. Its most recent issue, Vol. 1, No. 3, contains an excellent editorial article by the president of the union, Clarence H. Carr, entitled "Our Union Marches Forward!" In it Brother Carr announces that "in nearly every mill many workers have joined our ranks, and today we find that we are organized 100 per cent in almost every mill."

Women from Many New York Industries Fight Against War

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reaching out to Spanish, Italian and Negro women in the campaign. A mass meeting will be held on June 22.

A group of nurses of the Israel Zion Hospital have the sanction of the Supervisor of Nurses and the help of a number of physicians, in preparation for a mass meeting of nurses and their friends on Monday, June 18, at Linden Heights Manor, Ninth Ave. and 45th St., Brooklyn.

Seven Borough Conferences

The International Workers Order, Women's Committee, has organized seven borough conferences: four Jewish and three English. Regionally, they are Jewish, Bronx Co-operative, Middle Bronx, Brownsville, West End, Brooklyn.

English Conferences are: Middle Bronx, Brownsville and West End, Brooklyn, around Brighton. All conferences will organize committees to elect delegates and raise funds for a delegation to the City-Wide Conference.

Scandinavian, Finnish and Lithuanian women's organizations are having mass meetings and are electing delegates to the City-Wide Conference.

The Lithuanian women called a meeting last Wednesday night in Brooklyn, at which 300 workers were present including many men. They adopted a resolution for the freeing of Ernst Thaelmann and elected three needle worker delegates to the City-Wide Conference on July 7. They are to arrange for a mass meeting after it, where the results of the conference will be reported to the workers. Margaret Cowl, member of the National Executive Committee of the American Section of the International Women's Congress Against War and Fascism, was the main speaker.

School teachers are entering the fight against war and fascism. Under the auspices of the New York Teachers Anti-War Committee, af-

filiate of the American League Against War and Fascism, a mass meeting on June 16 was being held as we went to press.

Leroy E. Bowman of the Executive Board of the Teachers Union and director of the Child Study Association; Maria Halberstadt, exiled German teacher; Dr. Margoshes, editor of "The Day"; Harold Farmer of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, and others, were to speak. Teachers are beginning to clasp the hands of parents in the struggle to save young people and children from the horrors of war.

There is a mass meeting in Arverne tonight held jointly by the Rockaway League Against War and Fascism and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, at Arverne Community Church, Beach 57th and Larkin Sts.

The speakers will be: Pauline Rogers of the New York Anti-Nazi Federation; Dr. James Mendenhall of Columbia University; Mrs. J. K. Colen of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Ella N. White of the Women's Peace League.

Funds are needed so that New York can send four delegates to Paris, and workers are asked to contribute to the success of the Congress, by Norman Tallentire and Rina Evans of the American League Against War and Fascism. Bundles of the Call to the City-Wide Conference may be obtained at \$2 a thousand.

The Call states the truth bluntly—that Nazi organizations, Silver Shirts, Ku Klux Klan and other fascist organizations are already riding rampant through the country, menacing the workers with the loss of their trade unions, bent on taking away from them what little they now have.

"Women! Housewives! Mothers! Professionals and Intellectuals—Negro and white!" the Call says, "unite now, in your power, with the men, against war and fascism! Act now, before it is too late!"

FOOTNOTES

By HARRY RAYMOND

THERE should be no doubt in the mind of any garment worker about on which side of the fence David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, is standing.

The recent convention of the I.L.G.W.U. brought to light more clearly than ever before the fact that Dubinsky's interests are those of the clothing manufacturers, nothing more or less.

Indeed, the little corporal of the garment union hailed the N.R.A. as an institution "that has helped labor a lot." And to prove this he cited the textile code!

The gall of these few dealers within the trade unions is extremely astounding.

Everybody with an ounce of sense knows that the textile code is one of the worst labor laws ever concocted in the U. S. A. Through the minimum wage joker it has cut the wages of the textile workers in the North to \$13 and those in the South to \$12 a week.

In supporting the N. R. A., Dubinsky is taking a long step toward fascism. For one of the aims of the N. R. A. is government control of the trade unions. Through the National and Regional Labor Boards the Roosevelt government proposes to tell the workers in the unions when they shall hold elections and how they shall hold them. The N. R. A. aims to outlaw strikes by submitting every grievance of the workers to so-called impartial boards on which the bosses have the majority vote.

Support of the N. R. A. also

means support of company unions. It is no longer a secret that the National Labor Board places company unions in the same category with legitimate trade unions.

BUT Dubinsky is not having such easy sailing nowadays. A great section of the rank and file in Dubinsky's own local, Local 19, has declared against the class collaboration policies of their "leader." The Rank and File Cutters' League, recently formed, has worked out a real class program for the local and is rapidly gaining new supporters. The Rank and File Cutters' League is fighting for a class struggle union controlled by the rank and file, for trade union democracy, for dues exemption for the unemployed, for one scale of wages for all cutters and for unemployment insurance and relief paid by the bosses and the government.

By actively supporting the program of the League the rank and file of Local 19 will be able to smash down the deadening influence of the Dubinsky clique and build a fighting class union that will defend the interests of the workers.

A SPLENDID united front of the rank and file has been accomplished in the Pocketbook Workers' Union. Communists, Socialists and workers of other political opinions have united their forces against the appointment of Ossip Wollinsky, who has a long record of class collaboration and corruption, as the "advisor" of the union.

The Progressives, the Leather Workers' Society, the Rank and File Committee and the Socialist League have joined hands to drive from the labor movement this man who has been condemned by every honest worker as a traitor and a scoundrel.

More power to the Anti-Wollinsky Committee.

Rank and File Movement Grows in Actors Equity

In spite of the most violent opposition on the part of the officialdom, the rank and file movement in the Actor's Equity Association is steadily gaining strength and ground. Every conceivable tactic is employed by President Frank Gilmore and his aides to obstruct not only the organizational growth of this movement but to discredit and defeat any legislation—no matter how valuable it may be to the actor—that this progressive group may initiate.

From the first the red scare has been consistently employed to prejudice the membership and confuse the issues. Fake "loyalty" and the sacred memory of "Equity's glorious past" are invoked to sustain the present bureaucracy in power. Political maneuvers of the most questionable kind are utilized to forestall the introduction of organizational changes that would give more voice to the rank and file. Members have received "unofficial" letters (written on official Equity stationery and signed by the Honorary President), calling on them to defeat the impetuous youngsters who would upset the apple cart. Even "typographical errors" that have completely distorted the sense of petitions and "clerical errors" that have mislaid communications and thus delayed important action on them have been resorted to in a frantic attempt to check the hardy growth of the rank and file organization.

Disatisfied with Leadership

Among the rank and file actors, however, there is a widespread dissatisfaction with the leadership of the Association.

Although the movement is still less than four months old, several important victories have already been achieved. At the annual election on June 1st, seven out of the thirteen members elected to the executive council were candidates of the rank and file. At the same meeting, two amendments to the constitution proposed by the rank and file were adopted. One amendment calls for four regular meetings of the general membership each year, instead of one. This is the first step in a program of destroying the secrecy with which

heretofore, the administrative and executive activity of the organization has been conducted. The second amendment provides a means for the general membership to amend and change the by-laws of the association. Before the by-laws could be added to and altered only by the Executive Council.

Some Victories Won

The vote on a third amendment resulted in a tie, and so the amendment was defeated, but a stubborn fight by the new Councilors elected by the rank and file won the right to have the amendment submitted to a general referendum. This amendment, if carried, will enable members who are not more than one year in arrears to vote.

Investigation revealed that approximately 1,000 members would thus be enfranchised. This extension of the electorate would make it considerably more difficult for the officials to pack meetings at which voting is held, and so it is being bitterly fought by the leadership. Because of the importance of this amendment as a preliminary to further changes, the rank and file is concentrating its energy and forces to effect its passage. The question will be submitted to a vote within the next month.

Fight for H.R. 7598

Since its inception the rank and file committee has been meeting regularly and its sub-committees have been occupied with exhaustive investigations on conditions. Their recommendations have been considered and numerous resolutions have been passed by the general rank and file to be submitted by their Councilors to the Executive Council. Among these are: a resolution that Equity sponsor and support the Workers Social and Unemployment Insurance Bill (H.R. 7598); a resolution limiting the conditions under which managers may cut actors' contractual salaries, prohibiting individual bargaining, and providing that all negotiations must go through the union office; a resolution, accompanied by a tentative plan, providing pay for actors during rehearsal.

LABOR'S WHO'S WHO

by Rico



Furniture Workers of N. Y. Prepare for General Strike

Establishes United Front with Two Locals of the American Federation of Labor

By MAX PERLOW

Every department of the National Furniture Workers Industrial Union is now preparing its membership for a general strike. The Union carries on a campaign throughout the industry in preparation for this strike. Every department of the Union held mass meetings for the last two weeks, where not only the membership responded but also unorganized workers from open shops responded to the call and were present at these meetings. These meetings discussed the preparations for the coming general strike. Every department is issuing leaflets which are distributed among the furniture workers in the large factories and the workers are accepting these leaflets very sympathetically and there are very good prospects that the coming general strike in the furniture industry will strengthen the Union and improve the conditions of the workers in the industry.

Mattress Section in United Front

In preparation for this general strike the Mattress Section of the Union established a united front with Local 108 of the American Federation of Labor. At a meeting of a Joint Committee which was elected at the membership meetings of both unions it was decided to issue a joint leaflet to the workers in this trade to call upon them to strike for better conditions under the leadership of the Joint Committee of Local 108 and the Mattress Section of the New York local of the National Furniture Workers Industrial Union. The news of this united front spread throughout the trade very quickly. The workers are accepting it with much interest and satisfaction and they look upon this act as a real attempt to unify the workers in the fight for better conditions.

The bosses, on the other hand, learning about this united front are very much in a panic and they are realizing the strength of the mattress makers and the possibilities of their organization at the present time.

Cabinet Section

The Cabinet Section of the New York local of the National Furniture Workers Industrial Union also established a united front with the Wood Carvers Association (A. F. of L.), the New York local. At a meeting of the two committees elected by the memberships of the two unions it was decided to act unitedly in the coming general strike and to have representatives of each union to speak to the membership of the other union and also to work out joint demands in our new agreement.

Metal Bed Sections Gain Strength
The Metal Bed Section of our

Union, which up till now had no more than shop agreements with the manufacturers, succeeded in the course of the last year to strengthen its organization and the workers are now ready to struggle for full Union recognition and better conditions. The Metal Bed Section proved to be very militant and the workers are confident that this coming strike will bring very good results in the trade.

Upholsterers Revive Activity

The Upholstery Section of our Union which weakened in its activities for the last few months, now revived its activities in preparation for the strike. Special membership meetings were held where this matter was discussed. Brother Piser of the General Executive Board was assigned by the General Executive Board to work with the Upholstery Section in preparation for the strike. The Section elected a committee of seven, worked out a full plan on how to reach the unorganized and also how to establish a united front, with the Upholsterers of Local 76 in order to smash the attacks of the bosses which fell upon the upholsterers very heavily since the last general strike.

The other sections, The Custom Upholstery, Broom Section, Table Section and Curtain and Drapery Section are carrying on their activities and are also discussing the situation in their trade in preparation for the coming strike.

Each Section of our Union decided at their membership meetings to tax themselves with a day's wages in order to raise a strike fund for the coming general strike. The workers are paying this money fullheartedly, seeing the activities of the Union.

Browder, Krumbein To Speak at Marine Union Banquet on Thursday

NEW YORK. — Earl Browder, Charles Krumbein, Hayes Jones, editor of the Marine Workers Voice, and Harold Farmer, of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, will speak at a dinner on Thursday, June 21st, 7:30 p. m. at Le Bourget Restaurant, 137 West 44th St., under the auspices of the Provisional Committee for the Support of the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

With the present situation in the marine industry, the work of this committee is most important. Workers, professionals and intellectuals will find this an unusual opportunity to hear the reports of these leaders. The charge is 75 cents a person.

Strikes in Marine on Upswing

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crew drew up their demands and a couple seconds later the police came aboard armed with sawed off shot guns to drive the crew back to work or in the hoosegow. A plaster was put on the ship forcing the captain to pay everyone off in full and place three men in the hospital for treatment. Now the crews are taking action to force better wages and conditions on the ship.

Action has taken place amongst the unemployed for relief. A committee working inside the S. C. I. has forced the officials to fork over relief to many seamen. Everywhere a leaflet is issued, the S. C. I. calls the police who infect the joint, ready to club and jail any seaman who dared ask for relief.

Bargemen Strike

Strike action has taken place amongst the bargemen. The United Bargemens Union officials were forced to call a strike, through the pressure of the rank and file. The fake officials refused a united front with our union who had also called out two companies on strike. When things got too hot for the fakers and the rank and file were demanding a united front with our union, Captain Maher and the head faker, peddled them out. Our union by taking a correct position proved to the bargemen that it fights for unity, and out of this struggle which lasted for several days, a number of bargemen joined our union.

Despite the increased terror and the skilled maneuvering of the labor fakers, the marine workers are taking action under leadership of the Marine Workers Industrial Union and are preparing for the National Conference to be held in Baltimore Sept. 1st and 2nd, by organizing and taking actions for better wages and conditions and especially NOW to further and strengthen and make more effective the strike of the west coast.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union in the eyes of the seamen is the ONLY union on the waterfront, and through our daily struggles the M. W. I. U. will be a union built by the marine workers as the mass union.

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with the I. L. D. It is not enough to call in the I. L. D. as a legal aid organization when police terror breaks out. Act before the strike! Build your joint defense committees with the International Labor Defense. Prepare in advance for the struggle that will follow!

Now, more sharply than ever, the threat of the ruling class hangs over the trade unions. The fascist threat of destruction faces them. It is urgent for all workers to join with the International Labor Defense, with the struggles of other mass and sympathetic organizations in a broad mass demonstration of solidarity for workers rights.

On June 28, trade unions and mass organizations should send delegations to prisons, wardens, and city officials — demonstrate with other workers under the leadership of the I. L. D. before the prisons. Demand the release of all class war prisoners and the recognition of the status of political prisoners while they are in prison.

Send greetings of solidarity to the Ninth Anniversary of the International Labor Defense!

Charter Being Given To Company Union By A.F.L., Editor States

According to Jerry Fling, editor of the company union organ of the American Hotel Association, which is issued to members of the Federation, a charter has been received or is going to be received by the company union from the American Federation of Labor.